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DONALD TRUMP SUSPENDS GREEN CARD LOTTERY PROGRAMME

The US President blamed the green card lottery programme for allowing the Brown University shootings suspect to enter the US

MOVE IS CERTAIN TO INVITE LEGAL CHALLENGE

The diversity visa programme makes up to 50,000 green cards available each year to people from countries with little representation in the US. The lottery was created by Congress, and the move will invite legal challenges. The decision comes after it was found that the shooting suspect, had used the visa to enter the US. He hailed from Portugal

IN KEEPING WITH ANTI-IMMIGRANT STANCE

■ Trump has long opposed the diversity visa lottery. While pursuing deportation, Trump had sought to limit avenues to legal immigration
■ Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem said on Friday she is asking the US Citizenship and Immigration Services to pause the programme. "This heinous individual should never have been allowed in US" | P14

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PEOPLE APPLIED FOR THE 2025 GREEN CARD VISA LOTTERY

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A girl rescues books from a shop near the premises of the Prothom Alo daily newspaper in Dhaka | AP/PTI



Yunus admin shaken

The fresh violence has shaken the Muhammad Yunus-led interim government, which is facing criticism for failing to restore order in the country since taking office in August 2024

Learning Malayalam, Priyanka tells Modi at Speaker's 'chai pe charcha'

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

A light-hearted exchange over 'Wayanad turmeric' and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent Ethiopia visit figured in the friendly conversation between Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and the PM at the customary tea hosted by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Friday, after the conclusion of the Winter Session of Parliament.

Priyanka, the Congress MP from Kerala's Wayanad, is understood to have told Modi that she is learning Malayalam so that it helps while conversing with her constituents.

She also asked the PM about his recent three-nation trip to Africa and the Middle East. Modi is learnt to have said that the impression many people have in India about Ethiopia is quite different from the actual position of that country, which is progressing very well socially and economically.

The tea party is a customary meeting hosted by the Speaker with leaders of different parties after every session. The Opposition had stayed away from the meeting since the 2024 Monsoon Session alleging that its members were not allowed to speak during debates.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra at the tea party | PTI

Congress sources said the party decided to attend it this time around following a decision by AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge. While the Opposition remains opposed to the bills, they felt the Chair was relatively fair during this session. This, they said, was in contrast to the previous session, when they were not allowed to speak.

When SP leader Dharmendra Yadav observed that the Winter Session was one of the shortest, the PM told him in a friendly manner that it was

good for his throat as he didn't have to shout for too many days, inviting laughter from those present, sources said.

RSP's N K Premachandran too complained about the short session, with Speaker Birla reminding him that he had given him ample opportunities to speak on any subject. Priyanka joined in, saying that many MPs like her always look at Premachandran's conduct in the House and try to learn various aspects of parliamentary proceedings, sources said.

Those who attended the tea party included Manickam Tagore, Kumari Selja, Mohd Jawed, Supriya Sule, A Raja, Ram Mohan Naidu, Rajiv Ranjan Singh and Chirag Paswan.

STUDENT LEADER'S DEATH ROILS B'DESH

Media offices torched in Dhaka; Hindu youth lynched in Mymensingh; Indian mission in Chattogram attacked

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

BANGLADESH has slipped into one of its most volatile moments since the 2024 students-led uprising, with political violence, attacks on the press, and the brutal lynching of a Hindu minority man pushing the country closer to the brink ahead of the national elections set for February 12, 2026.

Tensions soared on Thursday night after news broke about the death of Sharif Osman Hadi, a prominent leader of the July uprising and a candidate in the upcoming elections. Hadi died in a Singapore hospital, six days after he was shot in the head by masked assailants in Dhaka.

In protest, hundreds of mostly young protesters poured into the streets, setting fire to the offices of *Prothom Alo*, the country's largest daily, and *The Daily Star*. Both dailies missed their print editions for the first time in their history. Sources said the papers may have been targeted for being seen as pro-Sheikh Hasina and pro-India.

In another incident on Thursday night, a Hindu man was lynched in Mymensingh city over alleged blasphemy. The victim, identified as 25-year-old Dipu Chandra Das, a factory worker, was beaten to death by a mob, hanged from a tree and later set on fire. Videos of the gruesome killing circulated

widely on social media, fuelling fear.

The spiralling violence has further shaken the interim government led by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, which has already been under fire for failing to restore order since taking office in August 2024.

The Yunus administration dismissed the attacks as the work of "a few fringe elements" and warned against mob violence. "We strongly and unequivocally condemn all acts of violence, intimidation, arson, and destruction of properties," it said in a statement, adding: "At this critical hour, we call upon every citizen to honour Hadi by rejecting and resisting violence, incitement and hatred."

The interim government also condemned the attacks on the media, calling them "tantamount to an attack on free media" and a major obstacle to democratic progress. As for the lynching of the Hindu youth, it said "the perpetrators of this heinous crime will not be spared."

The unrest has not been confined to Dhaka. Protesters vandalised the already demolished structure of 32 Dhanmondi, the former home of Bangladesh's founding father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and hurled bricks and stones at the residence of the Assistant Indian High Commissioner in Chattogram. Police responded with tear gas and baton charges, detaining 12 protesters. P14



Known for anti-India stand

Sharif Osman Hadi (pic) was a key figure in the July uprising. Known for his anti-India stand, he circulated some maps showing Indian areas as part of 'Greater Bangladesh'

No one can stop the democratic progress through threat, terrorist activities or bloodshed

—Muhammad Yunus

We cannot help but take note of the govt's relaxed attitude towards the security of news outlets

—The Daily Star

No 2.5-yr formula; I am CM & will remain so: Siddu

SUNIL PATIL @Belagavi

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday categorically denied any agreement limiting his tenure to two-and-a-half years, asserting on the floor of the Legislative Assembly that he enjoys the confidence of the Congress high command and will continue to be CM.

"According to me, the high command is with me. There was no decision at the time of assuming office that I would serve only for two-and-a-half



Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on the last day of the winter session at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi on Friday

years. I am the chief minister now, and I will continue," Siddaramaiah said in a firm tone, responding during a debate on

Siddu & I have reached an agreement, says DKS

Gokarna: DCM DK Shivakumar on Friday said he had never said that Siddaramaiah will not complete his full five-year term as CM. "We two have come to an agreement. The top brass forged the agreement. We never spoke about leadership change. It is the creation of the media," he said | P4

North Karnataka.

His remarks sparked sharp reactions from BJP leaders, including Opposition leader R

Ashoka, Sunil Kumar and Murnirathna, who repeatedly raised the issue of leadership change. They challenged Siddaramaiah to publicly declare that he would remain chief minister for the full five-year term, leading to a lively exchange in the House.

When BJP MLA Siddu Savadi claimed that BJP would return to power in Karnataka, Siddaramaiah retorted, "Not even in your dreams. BJP will not come to power in this state under any circumstances." P4

PU student raped by minor friend, 2 others under lens

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

A 16-year-old first-year PU student was allegedly forced to consume alcohol and then raped by her 17-year-old friend at a lodge in Yelahanka police limits on Thursday night. The police are probing to ascertain whether it is a case of gang rape as the involvement of two others is suspected.

Both the survivor and the accused hail from Kerala. The girl lives in the city with her

parents and is pursuing first-year PU at a well-known college. The accused, a 17-and-a-half-year-old college dropout, is a resident of Devanahalli. Police are also investigating the role of two of his friends, both adults, who were allegedly present in the room when the incident took place.

The police said the accused and the victim met at a college function a month ago and became close after chatting on social media. P7

DRESS CODE GOVT EMPLOYEES TOLD TO DRESS DECENTLY

The state government has issued a circular, warning the employees against wearing clothes that damage the reputation of the state government. Though the employees are told to wear decent outfits, many are not following the instructions, the circular said | P6

celebs and fans, even if quite a few critics haven't taken a shine to it. And the juggernaut is showing no signs of slowing down.

After breaching the ₹500 crore mark in 10 days, *Dhurandhar* has earned over ₹700 crore globally, and is well on track to enter the ₹1,000 crore club. In its run so far, the film has comfortably crossed the domestic collections of landmark films like SS Rajamouli's *Baahubali*, Rajinikanth's 2.0,

Aamir Khan's *Dangal*, and Prabhas' *Salaar*.

On the surface, *Dhurandhar* probably works like a conventional gangster drama, and the apolitical audience members are enjoying it superficially.

On the other hand, it frequently scrapes on our real wounds made by turbulent ties with Pakistan.

This illusion is what has made the film and its responses a major talking point.

Dhurandhar past Baahubali, Dangal; eyes ₹1K cr-club

B H HARSH @ Hyderabad

AT a time when most films struggle to go beyond a week or two in their theatrical run, Aditya Dhar's *Dhurandhar* has done the seemingly impossible. After earning more than ₹200 crore in its first week, the film outdid those figures in week two. For small films that sometimes pick up gradually, it's a great accomplishment. For a big money-grosser like *Dhurandhar*,



it is almost like spotting a shooting star.

The film centred on an Indian intelligence operative (Ranveer Singh as Hamza Ali Mazari), who infiltrates Pakistan's underworld, has been receiving rave reviews from

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State govt publishes guidelines for ward-wise reservation in GBA

Govt comes closer to holding much-delayed local body polls; BC, SC ST, women top the list

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

THE state government on Friday issued guidelines for ward-wise reservation for five municipal corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA). With this, the government has come closer to holding the much-delayed local body elections for Bengaluru, which has had no Council since September 11, 2020.

The order stated that 80% of the seats are reserved for Backward Classes (BCs) under Category 'A' and 20% under Category 'B'. In Category A, 50% is reserved for women.

As per the guidelines, the GBA has to consider the 2011 population census, published



by the Directorate of Census, Government of India, for reservation.

The number of seats to be reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SC/STs) will be fixed in proportion to the total population of the re-

spective municipal corporation within the Greater Bengaluru area and in proportion to the total number of wards. Similarly 1/3rd of reservation should be reserved for Backward Classes.

"While so fixing, the total reservation including Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes shall not exceed 50%. If the total reservation exceeds 50%, the reserved seats for backward classes shall be reduced proportionately," the order stated.

The GBA should publish the list of wards with the highest SC population and then wards with the highest ST population. 50% of the seats reserved for SC/STs will be reserved

for women. If the seats reserved for SC/STs is only one or an odd number, that one or the remaining odd number of seats shall not be reserved for women.

As per the order, 50% of the seats in the Non-Reserved (General) Category is reserved for women and if there is an odd seat, it will be given for men to contest.

The reservation for SC/STs, backward classes and women and the number of general (non-reserved) seats shall be maintained at Bengaluru Central City Corporation, North City Corporation, East City Corporation, West City Corporation and South City Corporation, the order mentioned.



Bengaluru has Jackfruit trees, Neem, Red Silk Cotton, Banyan trees, Sausage tree, Ashwatha tree, Honge, Kadamba and Jamun

Types of avenue trees in Bengaluru: Gulmohar, Raintree, Badminton ball, African tulip, Tabebuia flowering trees and Copper Pod



The Climate Action Cell of GBA will conduct a meeting with the commissioners of various corporations and direct them to clear these concrete around the trees. Citizens can also take pictures of such trees choking due to concrete and send it to the GBA

Ramachandran R, Special Commissioner, Climate Action Cell of GBA

There are around two lakh trees on the footpaths of Bengaluru that are being choked by cement blocks and concrete | EXPRESS

Trees pay the price as GBA delays removal of concrete

RASHMI PATIL @Bengaluru

SIX months after the state forest department's directive, the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has failed to remove concrete and cement blocks deposited at the roots of large trees on footpaths. This is choking the trees and leaves no space for them to grow, besides reducing the capacity for absorption of water.

An order was passed in June 2025 by the forest department following the directive from National Green Tribunal that concrete or blocks installed in one metre radius of trees should be removed.

Vijay Nishanth, popularly known as tree doctor, said, "There are around two lakh trees on the footpaths of Bengaluru including the old ones and the newly planted saplings by the forest depart-

ment. However, the cement blocks and concrete have been choking these trees, not allowing them to grow. When roads and footpaths are being constructed, the GBA has to direct the contractors to leave enough space around the trees so that the soil around the trees will absorb water and nurture the trees."

He added, "After complaining about this issue, Eshwar Khandre, Minister for Forest and Environment, came and helped in removing the cement blocks, made space and added soil around some of these trees in the city. After that GBA had to do it consistently, however, they have failed to do it."

When TNIE contacted, MMaheshwar Rao, GBA Chief Commissioner, said, "When GBA was formerly BBMP, we had begun the deconcretisation around the trees. After forming

multiple corporations, the onus is on individual corporations and they have been instructed to follow the order of deconcretisation around the trees."

Meanwhile, Benson Issac, who is into environmental consulting, highlighted the need to preserve avenue trees in the city. He said, "Bengaluru houses all types of trees which are indigenous, exotic and those that flower during a particular season. The city has avenue trees that are over 500 years old and we need to preserve them. Concretisation of footpaths and white topping has left no space for tree trunks to grow at all. Trees must be treated as an integral part of the infrastructure when they design the footpath and create space for utilities. These designs must be also planned keeping in focus the kind of trees grown in a particular street."

Adidvara Job Habba today to bridge disability employment gap

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ASSISTECH Foundation (ATF) will host the Adidvara Job Habba at BMS College for Women in Basavanagudi on Saturday, bringing inclusive employers and job seekers with disabilities on to a single, technology-enabled hiring platform.

The event, supported by the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens (DWDSC), the Karnataka Skill Development Authority (KSDA) and the Karnataka Skill Development Corporation (KSDC), is aimed at expanding access to formal employment for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) across sectors.

More than 500 job seekers, representing all 21 notified disability categories, are expected to participate. Employers from IT, retail, manufacturing, BFSI, hospitality and services will take part in the event, which is designed to facilitate both direct recruitment and structured employer-candidate interactions.

Speaking about the initiative, Prateek Madhav, CEO and Co-Founder of AssisTech Foundation, said, "By bringing together training, assistive technology and employment on one platform, we are working towards creating sustainable and dignified career pathways for PwDs," he said.

Nagaraj N M, Managing Director of KSDC, said the initiative aligns with Karnataka's broader skilling and inclusion goals.

Candidates wishing to take part in the Job Habba can register through the Adidvara mobile application. For details, call Suchandana Roy at 98180 05423.



ALL IN THE NAME

AAP members protest against the Central government renaming the MGNREGA scheme, by excluding Mahatma Gandhi's name from the new scheme, at Freedom Park on Friday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

'Citizen must participate to resolve local issues'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

BENGALURU South Municipal Corporation Commissioner KN Ramesh on Friday invited the office bearers of apartment complexes and local residents' associations in the Jayanagar zone to a meeting to discuss the major grievances of the residents.

In the meeting, the office bearers of the local residents' associations raised issues such as footpath encroachment, street lighting problems, solid waste collection and disposal, road issues, construction of buildings contrary to law, commercial activities in residential areas, public toilet maintenance, e-khata, and other concerns.

The commissioner attempted to resolve some issues at the local level and said it requires cooperation from the citizens. "To

listen to these issues and resolve them, a representative of the community who is aware of the issues should be identified at the ward level. It will be convenient to achieve coordination with the local-level officials of the corporation," he said.

Some NGOs have already studied solid waste management in the city limits and have given several suggestions for the waste problem. To effectively implement them, coordination between the corporation and the citizens is required, and garbage kiosks should work more in partnership with the private sector to manage them in a way that does not create black spots, Ramesh added.

Ramesh also said private organizations can come forward to study the current situation in depth and provide an objective report regarding urban design.

Prep work on 2nd airport initiated well in advance: Patil

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STATING that the state government is aware of the fact that permission from Bengaluru International Airport Limited (BIAL) is required to construct a second international airport within an aerial radius of 150 km from KIA before 2033, Infrastructure Development Minister MB Patil on Friday said the government has initiated preparatory work in this regard well in advance.

Patil was reacting to the Ministry of Civil Aviation's (MoCA) statement on Thursday that the

Centre has not received any proposal from the Karnataka government or any airport developer after Airports Authority of India's (AAI) pre-feasibility studies on the need for the second airport in the city.

Several critical steps are involved in the establishment of an airport, including site identification, inspections, land acquisition and disbursement of compensation. These processes will take at least six years for completion. BIAL will be approached for its approval only after completion of these processes, he said.



Patil said similar conditions have been relaxed in cities such as New Delhi and Navi Mumbai to facilitate the development of second airports. These matters will be addressed appropriately at appropriate time.

Tenders have been invited through Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (KSIIDC) to prepare a location suitability report along with a comprehensive technical and financial feasibility study for the second airport in Bengaluru, he reiterated.

On AAI's inspection

of sites at Choodahalli and Somanahalli on Kanakapura Road and near Nelamangala-Kunigal Road, Patil said tenders have been invited by the state government through KSIIDC to conduct location suitability, and technical and financial feasibility studies. While preparing these reports, factors such as passenger density, potential for industrial and tourism growth, infrastructure availability, rainfall patterns, sewerage, noise pollution and waste management will be taken into consideration. The deadline to submit these reports is five months, he added.

Office-bearers elected to Canara Bank Employees' Union

Bengaluru: Bheema Shankar Taddewadi was elected as national president of the Canara Bank SC/ST Employees' Union on December 18. Association members from various states across the country cast their votes and Taddewadi, a senior manager at the Canara Bank MSME Branch in Kalaburagi, emerged victorious by securing 70% of the votes. Other office-bearers elected are: Rasananda Munda (vice-president), Vinod Kumar (general secretary), Na Duraibhaskar (deputy general secretary), Shivakumar S (chief organising secretary) and Nayana A (treasurer). ENS



Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHS

20th December : Sagittarius Sun's Last Breath On the last day before the winter solstice, the light thins to its softest whisper. The andents gathered at stone circles and sacred markers, waiting for the moment when the returning light would thread itself through narrow passages of rock. We feel that same hush, suspended between seasons. The world holds for the turning. The year is almost reborn.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You'll crave a jolt of novelty, perhaps even a bit of danger. Your warrior heart has you balancing the thrill with a touch of strategy. You don't have to dim your courage, just pair it with a little mindfulness and you'll come out shining.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)

You're versatile and tuned in to the moment, reading what people need. Some situations call for a march, others a dance. Today, it really depends on the hour. You'll change it up as needed, and it just works.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)

You can love someone while still acknowledging frustrations that go with that. Love doesn't vanish just because someone is annoying. Regulate yourself first. Do the emotional work inside you. Inner harmony creates a state of cooperation in real life.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

Your instinct to help comes from a feeling of kinship, and you'll spring into action before you know which one to take. Somehow this works for you. The impulse of caring means something. Just be sure to pause and check in with what people really need.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

You deserve to be treated, cared for and given the kind of joy you don't have to earn ahead of time or pay for later. So if you find yourself needing relief, seek the sort that's effective now and won't have a downside.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Explaining a funny or astonishing moment to someone who wasn't there is rarely easy. Context doesn't always translate. But today your storytelling skills are stellar, and they will get a workout. This story is getting better with each pass.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

Worry is a natural response to uncertainty. But mostly, you'll focus on what's within your realm of control. Take the part you can influence and turn that into a goal. Then act -- nothing crazy. Even small acts replace worry with hope.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)

You don't have to be looking at someone to know when they are looking at you. You sense when attention is on you. Even when someone far away is thinking about you, you get a feeling about it. You'll get it today, and it's accurate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You're so wise, naturally, wanting what also happens to be good for you. That's rare! You wish for many things, but with a cushy life isn't one of them. You were formed, and continue to be empowered, by challenge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Even though you've been hurt before, you don't close yourself off. You don't retreat into safety. You still take emotional risks. You love because you sense something wondrous is possible, and with this attitude it always is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Anyone can look good when things are going to plan. Character shows in the unprepared moments. Today you'll navigate something unexpected, and how you handle it becomes the real story. Spoiler: You'll handle it well.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)

There's no point racing through the "boiling parts" to reach the "good stuff," because today the magic hides in the in-between. A spark in a grocery line, a kindness on hold music and a stranger's offhand comment are all part of the day's sweetness.

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 1-9. Solutions to yesterday's puzzle are provided on the left.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-31. Across clues are provided on the right.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

- Intellectual man let loose (6)
- Carelessly hands out a large amount (8)
- A pure beginner? (6)
- Debit one transferred following orders (8)
- Little colour in soft drink (4)
- Colour that's a success in two different ways (5)
- Girl beginning serious criminal record (4)
- Unable to say why you can't solve this puzzle? (4,3,5)
- Last thing an American can bet with? (6,6)
- Woeful cry from a girl we hear (4)
- In time chaps improve (5)
- The French way to get fat (4)
- To each in turn it appears to be just beginning (8)
- Picture producer (6)
- Left in error? (3,5)
- Look for a feature about double parking (6)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Alive, 4 Chipper, 8 Rap, 9 By no means, 10 Sounder, 11 Reply, 13 Scenes, 15 Editor, 18 Brits, 19 Turnout, 21 Redundant, 23 Rec, 24 Numbers, 25 Spied.

DOWN

- Exclusive command of the game (8)
- He writes television play that is put out (8)
- Chief part of the foot (4)
- Are tailors so addictive? (5-7)
- Let loose a gundog in the centre (4)
- A meal I cooked for a girl (6)
- The cad is out to break the engagement (6)
- It's played for someone's benefit (7,5)
- Going on twelve inches (5)
- I do it when playing the fool (5)
- Feel a bit upset by a trifling annoyance (8)
- The new director has yet to be paid (8)
- Share it with Nora perhaps (6)
- It's lucky mother's gone to bed (6)
- Upwards of 101 meeting points (4)
- It's a bit wet - and so is he (4)

Down: 1 Arrests, 2 Imprudent, 3 Ebbbed, 4 Canary, 5 Immured, 6 Pea, 7 Risky, 12 Post-pouri, 14 Essence, 16 Relaxed, 17 Strays, 18 Baron, 20 Rites, 22 Dim.

Jumble puzzle grid with words: ILTET, VNYEO, NBTNOE, REHLBA. Includes a cartoon about central air conditioning and a list of jumble answers.

Man arrested for kicking boy, had hit other kids too

Child sustains injury above his eyebrow and bruises on hands, legs

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@Bengaluru

A 35-year-old man was arrested for allegedly kicking a five-year-old boy while he was playing with other children. The incident took place on Old Post Office Road in Thyagarajana-gar in Banashankari police station limits, on December 14. The accused had also allegedly assaulted three other children, including two girls. The accused, Ranjan, is unmarried and a resident of Thyagarajana-gar. He was previously employed as a gym trainer. Police say he was suffering from mental health issues.

According to police, Nishanth (name changed), who had come to his uncle's house on December 14, was playing badminton with the neighbourhood children on the road around 1.40pm. Ranjan came out of his house, took a run-up, and kicked the boy from behind, causing him to fall on the road, before walking away. The child sustained injuries above his eyebrow and bruises on his hands and legs.

After getting Nishanth treated, the boy's mother, Deepika Jain, approached Banashankari police station and filed a complaint. A non-cognisable



Screengrab of Ranjan (inset) kicking the boy on Friday

report (NCR) was registered initially. After obtaining the court's permission, an FIR was registered under Section 115 (voluntarily causing hurt) of BNS on December 15, and an investigation was initiated. The incident was captured on CCTV cameras. Based on the footage, the accused was arrested and later released on bail, police said, adding he was undergoing treatment for mental health issues.

As per CCTV footage, in other three incidents, the accused allegedly pulled the hair of a

boy who was riding a bicycle on the road, slapped a girl on the head while she was walking with a friend, and allegedly rode his two-wheeler rashly and negligently close to a girl.

DCP (North) Babasab Nemagoud, who is in-charge of South division, said the accused had also assaulted three other children in the locality between December 12 and 14. Jurisdictional police were instructed to initiate legal action after speaking to the parents of the other children.

He added that the accused had met with a road accident three months ago, after which he starting having mental health issues. He was reportedly undergoing treatment at a hospital in Madurai, which will be verified, and further action taken.

Taking note of the incident, the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) has taken suo motu cognisance of the case and sought a report from the DCP on action taken.

Meanwhile, the child's uncle, Manoj Kumar, told reporters on Friday that there was no provocation from the child and no reason for the assault. The accused had been residing in the locality for 30 years, he added.



CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR

Over 30 visually-challenged children dressed as Santa Claus take part in a Christmas celebration organised by ACEE foundation at Nayana Kannada Bhavan in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Service agency claims apartment committee targeting them over Rajyotsava celebrations

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

A manager and housekeeping staff of Gina Shalon Apartment in Bhattarahalli, KR Puram, have alleged that they were targeted for celebrating Kannada Rajyotsava in the apartment premises on November 30, and the head of the apartment committee has terminated their services. A complaint was filed with KR Puram police.

As per site manager Manjunath Nayak, the apartment committee members, headed by the secretary, allegedly terminated the contract citing flimsy reasons. He said, "For the first time in 12 years after the apartment association was formed, such a celebration was

held. The secretary and one female member were upset with the celebrations and confronted me. They kept sending mails repeatedly, citing lapses in services, whereas the committee lauded the services until October-end. Hence, I have filed a complaint with police for targeting Kannadigas," said Nayak.

The complex has 170 tenements, and 140 are occupied. Over 100 have given a good rating in the monthly feedback system until October, but after the Rajyotsava celebrations, mails cited lack of water supply service, whereas at any given point in time, over 2 lakh litres of storage is maintained, the manager claimed. A woman

housekeeping staffer claimed a woman committee member was sharing photos of areas cleaned frequently, and said it was "pure harassment".

"I spent Rs 15,000 on the celebration from my pocket, and some staffers contributed Rs 500 to Rs 2,000. Around 150 members, including 30 flat owners who are Kannadigas, attended. Now, after the video seeking action went viral, pro-Kannada activists stormed the society, and sensing trouble, the Hoysala team rushed. Sens-

ing the situation going out of hand, a few committee members promised to hold a General Body meeting that has been stalled for three years, and sack those who courted controversy," said Nayak.

A senior police official from KR Puram Station confirmed that a Non-Cognisable Report was registered against persons from the apartment society, and mentioned that in case anyone from the society approaches, both parties will be called to the station for inquiry.



For the first time in 12 years after the apartment association was formed, such a celebration was held. The secretary and one female member were upset with the celebrations and confronted me

Site Manager Manjunath Nayak

Shri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister

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Shri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

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43.63% OF GUARANTEE FUNDS SPENT ON N K'TAKA: CM

Siddaramaiah says North-South K'taka development gap will be addressed through Govindrao Committee Report

SUNIL PATIL @Belagavi

KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday said that the long-standing development disparity between North Karnataka and South Karnataka would be addressed based on the recommendations of the Prof Govindrao Committee, which is studying the implementation of the Dr Nanjundappa Report.

Replying to a discussion on the development of North Karnataka during the winter session of the legislature in Belagavi, the CM launched a sharp attack on the BJP-led Opposition, asserting that it had "no moral right" to speak on the region's neglect.

The CM said that the State Government had spent Rs 1,06,066 crore on the five guarantee schemes so far, of which Rs 46,277 crore was spent in North Karnataka. "While 58% of the state's population resides in South Karnataka and 42% in North Karnataka, 43.63% of the total guarantee expenditure has gone to the latter," he added.

He recalled that it was the BJP-led Union Government that had rejected Article 371(J) for the development of the Hy-

derabad-Karnataka region, while the Congress-led UPA government under Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh approved it following sustained efforts by AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge.

Blames Centre for farmer distress

Highlighting issues related to sugarcane pricing, CM Siddaramaiah said that Karnataka is the second-largest sugarcane producing state in the country, with around 6.7 crore tonnes of cane and 57.77 lakh MT of sugar produced annually. He pointed out that the Centre fixes the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for sugarcane, ethanol quotas, and MSPs.

"The Centre has fixed the FRP at Rs 3,550 per tonne, including harvesting and transport. Yet BJP leaders are misleading farmers by joining their protests," he said, adding that state BJP president BY Vijayendra should "camp in Delhi" if he was genuinely concerned about farmers.

He alleged that farmers in Karnataka were suffering owing to Centre's policies, forcing the State Government to provide an additional Rs 50 per



Chief Minister Siddaramaiah addresses the Assembly in Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi on Friday | EXPRESS

tonne incentive, amounting to Rs 300 crore, placing extra burden on the state exchequer. He also accused the Centre of withholding Rs 13,000 crore under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

GST share, stalled irrigation projects

The CM said that Karnataka had contributed Rs 4.5 lakh crore in GST to the Centre but received only 15 paise per rupee in return. He further alleged that the Centre was delaying environmental clearance for the Mahadayi project, gazette notification for land acquisition for Upper Krishna

Project-3, and approvals for the Mekedatu project from the Central Water Commission and water management authorities.

Similarly, the Rs 5,300 crore announced for the Upper Bhadra project in 2023 had not been released, he said, adding that all these issues were brought to the PM's notice on November 15, but no action had followed.

Guarantees: Significant share for N K'taka

Under the Gruha Lakshmi scheme, out of 1.24 crore beneficiaries, 58.92 lakh are from North Karnataka, the CM said,

TRANSLATED PROMISES INTO ACTION: SIDDU

Siddaramaiah said his government has translated promises into action to bridge the long-standing regional imbalance in North Karnataka, unveiling a series of completed and ongoing development initiatives for the region. Replying to a debate on North Karnataka development in the Council on Friday evening, he said that the bulk of announcements made during the last two Belagavi winter sessions had already been implemented. He said farm loans of 36,146 farmers in North Karnataka had been waived. He also pointed to the establishment of a Centre for Excellence at the Water and Land Management Institute (WALMI), Dharwad, and the setting up of a cotton-based industries in Raichur. Emphasising the government's focus on irrigation, the CM said his government was keen on taking an all-party delegation to the Centre to press for early clearances to major irrigation projects, particularly the Upper Krishna and Mahadayi project. Both projects, he said, were crucial for the region's water security and were pending approval from Centre. Siddaramaiah said sustained investment, timely implementation and collective political pressure were essential to ensure equitable growth and lasting development in North Karnataka.

adding that of the Rs 52,400 crore spent statewide, Rs 24,631 crore has gone to the region.

Under the Gruha Jyoti, free electricity up to 200 units is being provided to 1.65 crore households, including 56.7 lakh households in North Karnataka, with Rs 6,038 crore spent in the region out of Rs 20,639 crore.

Under the Yuvanidhi scheme, 1.73 lakh unemployed youth in North Karnataka are receiving allowances out of 2.84 lakh beneficiaries, with Rs 456 crore of the Rs 750 crore spent going to the region.

Additionally, Rs 7,848 crore

has been spent under Anna Bhagya and Rs 7,027 crore under the Shakti scheme in North Karnataka.

Expressing concern over income inequality, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that Karnataka's average per capita income stands at Rs 3.39 lakh, the highest in the country, but 10 districts in North Karnataka have per capita incomes below Rs 2 lakh, with Kalaburagi at the bottom.

The Chief Minister attributed part of the disparity to low participation in dairying. While the Bengaluru Milk Union procures 17 lakh litres per

day, milk unions in Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Bidar and Raichur together collect only 67,000 litres. Of the state's daily milk procurement of 1 crore litres, only 10 lakh litres comes from North Karnataka, the CM informed. Promoting dairying could significantly improve rural incomes, he said, noting that the government provides an incentive of Rs 7 per litre, at a cost of Rs 5 crore per day.

Regional development boards

The CM said Rs 24,778 crore has been released to the Kalyana Karnataka Regional Development Board so far. Benefits under Article 371(J) have enabled over 51,606 students to access higher education through reservations in education and employment, he said.

He announced that the Govindrao Committee report, expected in January, would be implemented in full. Proposals to establish a Kittur Karnataka Development Board with an annual grant of Rs 5,000 crore would be examined after the report is submitted, he said.

Appealing for unity, Siddaramaiah urged the opposition to join an all-party delegation to the PM to seek pending funds and clearances for irrigation projects. The Opposition, however, created an uproar and staged a walkout.

Opposition fumes, Siddu & I have reached an agreement, says DKS

Council passes Hate Speech Bill

PRAMODKUMAR VAIDYA @Belagavi

DISCUSSIONS on the Karnataka Hate Speech and Hate Crime (Prevention) Bill, 2025, lasted for over six hours, and it was passed in the Legislative Council amid pandemonium, on the last day of the winter session Friday. Although Home Minister G Parameshwara tried to allay fears of opposition members about misuse of the Bill, the latter remained adamant in their demand to withdraw the bill and send it to a House committee.

Presenting the Bill, Parameshwara told the House that though the Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita, 2023, has sections against hate speech and crime, they were not very stringent. The Supreme Court has also opined that such criminal offences be dealt with an iron hand as they contribute to disharmony in society.

Detailing the number of such crimes reported in the past three years, the minister said if these incidents were isolated, such a stringent law would not have been necessary. They were being reported repeatedly, leading to caste and religious conflicts and disturbing law and order. The Bill would help curb and prevent the dissemination, publication or promotion of hate speech and crimes which cause hatred in society, provide punishment, besides compensation to the victims, Parameshwara said.

But BJP members were not convinced and termed the bill 'draconian'. They charged the government with wanting to create a "police state", and said the bill curtails fundamental rights such as the freedom of expression and gives licence to

Assembly functions for 57 hrs 35 mins

The eighth session of the 16th legislature session that began on December 8 was adjourned sine die on Friday. The 10-day session witnessed various discussions and several bills being tabled and passed. Reading out a report, Assembly Speaker UT Khader said that the Assembly functioned for 57 hours 35 minutes and 32 bills were tabled and 23 were passed. In the discussion on problems of North Karnataka, 39 members participated and the issue was discussed for 17 hours and 2 minutes. Also, 219 questions were raised in Question Hour and 1,750 written replies were obtained of the total 1,974 questions, he said.

oppress political adversaries.

Stating that the bill was an attempt to impose an undeclared emergency, BJP MLC CT Ravi said it was against the basic structure of Constitution. He expressed anguish over making any violation cognisable, non-bailable and triable by a judicial magistrate first class.

LoP Chalawadi Narayanaswamy explained how existing laws are being misused, and insisted on sending the bill to a House committee.

Ravi regrets comment

Congress MLCs interrupted Ravi because of connotations used for a particular community while seeking a definition of the word 'religion' used in the Bill. Congress members found his speech inciting, and Council chairman Basavaraj Horatti also asked Ravi to stop his provocative speech, and adjourned the House for a while. When the House reconvened, the BJP member expressed regret.



DyCM DK Shivakumar prays at Mahabaleshwara Temple in Gokarna on Friday

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @Andle/Gokarna (Uttara Kannada district)

AMID speculation over leadership change in Karnataka, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Friday said that he had never said that the CM will be changed. On the last day of the Belagavi winter session on Friday, Shivakumar took some time to visit the Gokarna Mahabaleshwara temple and Ganapathi temple in Gokarna in Uttara Kannada district. He also visited the Andle Jagadishwari temple in Ankola taluk.

Speaking to reporters in Gokarna, Shivakumar, who is also state Congress chief, said he never said Siddaramaiah will not complete his full five-year term as CM. "I never said that the party high command is not on his side. The high command is very much with him.

That's why he's CM now. We two have come to an agreement. The top brass forged the agreement. Both of us go as per the agreement. We never spoke about leadership change. It is the creation of the media," Shivakumar said. He reached Gokarna at 8.30am and performed a puja at Mahabaleshwara temple. He also visited Maha Ganapathi temple before heading to Andle Jagadishwari temple, where he performed a closed-door puja.

According to sources, he reached the temple 4 hours late. "There was nobody in the temple except Shivakumar and his personal assistant. Even Minister Mankal Vaidya was sent out," sources said. It is learnt that Shivakumar, when he was in Delhi's Tihar jail, had prayed to the deity, which had predicted that he would become the KPCC

chief. According to popular belief, the presiding deity can predict the future when made certain offerings. Later, he offered puja to the tulsi plant on the temple premises.

Shivakumar dismissed political speculation around the dinner hosted by cabinet colleague Satish Jarkiholi on Thursday. "Can anyone say people should not sit together and eat? What is wrong if everyone sits together and dines?" Shivakumar countered when quizzed by mediapersons about Thursday's gathering at Satish's residence in Belagavi. The dinner had sparked a buzz about change in leadership. Irked by reporters questioning him, the Deputy CM retorted, "Why should that concern me? Why are you asking me this question?" He urged the media not to find fault in leaders sharing a meal.

SATISH'S DINNER MEETING REBOOTS POWER-SHARING DUEL

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

THURSDAY'S 'power dinner' Karnataka Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi hosted at his residence in Belagavi for

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his camp gave indications that the change in leadership issue continues to be on the boil, despite Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar meeting over breakfast a few days ago.

This comes ahead of the Congress high command's likely summons to both leaders to thrash out this very specific issue. The Deputy Chief Minister's camp seems to be more eager than the CM's camp on

the meeting. It is to be seen whether the party will call both before or after the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting in New Delhi on December 27. Shivakumar may have to go to Delhi even before that in connection with the notice served to him by the Delhi Police's Economic Offences Wing (EAW) in the National Herald case.

Political analysts observed that Siddaramaiah's assertion that his chief minister's tenure is not limited to two-and-a-half years in the Assembly is the fallout of Thursday's dinner, where his loyalists might have backed him to continue in the top post.

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara, Housing Minister

Zameer Ahmed Khan, Social Welfare Minister Dr HC Mahadevappa, Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar and CM's legal adviser and MLA AS Ponnanna were at the dinner.

Interestingly, the chief minister was there for hardly 20-30 minutes. It was hosted exclusively for AHINDA leaders, but Sudhakar who had some work with the CM had joined though he was not invited officially, a source said.

Satish Jarkiholi and Parameshwara held talks till 2 am.

"We discussed nothing but strengthening the party and bringing it back to power in the 2028 elections," said Satish while speaking to reporters on Friday. He is a strong contender for the KPCC president's post, which is held by Shivakumar now, and also wants to run for the CM post in 2028.

'I am CM now, I will continue'

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Ashoka recalled that Siddaramaiah had earlier said Yediyurappa would never become CM, yet he had gone on to occupy the post four times. Siddaramaiah countered by saying Yediyurappa was never allowed to complete a full five-year term, pointing out that Karnataka had three CMs between 2008 and 2013. Ashoka alleged that 2.5-year term was mentioned during the oath-taking process. But CM dismissed the claim, asking whether Ashoka was present during those discussions. On claims about political consultations in Delhi, Siddaramaiah said there was no ambiguity or written understanding on tenure. "We are a high command party. As far as I am concerned, the high command is in my favour. We will act according to whatever decision the high command takes," he said. Ashoka interjected that this itself was the core issue. Sunil Kumar accused Siddaramaiah of shifting stands, from asserting personal leadership to emphasising the high command's role. Siddaramaiah replied that his position remained unchanged. "First comes the people's mandate, then the Legislature Party's choice, and finally the high command's decision. Until such a decision is taken, I am CM," he said. Ashoka said the opposition wished Siddaramaiah would remain CM for another two-and-a-half years, but questioned whether the CLP had opted for a five-year or two-and-a-half-year tenure. Siddaramaiah asserted, "There was no two-and-a-half-year decision. I am the CM now, and I will continue." Muniyathna taunted Siddaramaiah to thump his bicep and declare a five-year tenure, as he had done earlier. The CM responded by asking whether Ashoka would remain LoP for five years. Sunil Kumar replied in the affirmative, again pressing the chief minister to make a similar declaration.



The Assembly session in progress on the last day of the 10-day winter session in Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi on Friday | EXPRESS

War of words & eye on devpt: It's curtains on B'gavi winter session

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @Belagavi

THE 10-day winter session of the Legislature concluded on Friday at the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi, marked by fierce political confrontations, significant legislative business, and a renewed focus on addressing regional disparities in North Karnataka.

The session was dominated by sharp exchanges between the Ruling Congress and the Opposition BJP, with debates circling leadership speculation, corruption charges, and regional imbalance.

Chief Minister Siddaramai-

ah squarely addressed swirling rumours of a leadership change in the Assembly, stating firmly, "I am the Chief Minister and will continue to be," a declaration met with thumping approval from treasury benches.

Legislative action saw the passage of two significant but contentious Bills. The Karnataka Scheduled Castes (Sub-Classification) Bill, 2025, described by the government as a move to ensure equitable reservation benefits among 101 SC communities, was passed despite opposition questions on its implementation. The Karnataka Hate Speech and Hate

Crime (Prevention) Bill triggered major uproar before being cleared, aiming to curb the dissemination and promotion of hate speech and crimes.

Bonanza for NK

Bridging the developmental gap between the North and South Karnataka regions remained a central theme. The government announced a Rs 3,500-crore special development package for North Karnataka, with a substantial allocation for irrigation and infrastructure projects in the Krishna and Tungabhadra basins. The CM assured the House of his government's

commitment to prioritising education and healthcare in the northern districts.

Political heat unabated

The political temperature stayed high throughout with Deputy CM DK Shivakumar and BJP leaders trading barbs both inside and outside the House. Shivakumar earlier dismissed the buzz around a dinner meet hosted by his cabinet colleague Satish Jarkiholi, quipping, "What is wrong if everyone sits together and has dinner?" He also countered state BJP chief BY Vijayendra's "godfather of corruption" barb, challenging

him to provide proof and asserting that "time itself will give him the answer."

Question Hour in both Houses saw discussions on a series of issues pertaining to governance, welfare schemes, and infrastructure, with ministers promising time-bound action.

As the winter session drew to a close, it left behind a familiar mix of legislative progress and political confrontation, reflecting the changing power dynamics in Karnataka's politics, even as Belagavi once again served as the stage for crucial decisions shaping the state's governance and development.

BIKLA SHIVA CASE

The traditional Ganga Aarti being performed at the Shri Siddharoodha Mutt in Hubballi on Friday | **DHEMANTH**

EXPRESS READ

BENGALURU: A 28-year-old doctor who was walking to her paying guest accommodation was molested by an unidentified biker at AGB Layout in Chikkabanavara in the early hours of Wednesday. The victim works at a private hospital in AGB Layout and was returning after duty to her PG which was in the vicinity between 12.40 am and 1 am. When the doctor was returning to her PG, the accused riding a white scooter stopped near her and asked directions to any bus stops nearby. As she was giving him the directions, the accused got down from his vehicle and molested her. She screamed and the accused fled on his two-wheeler. "The victim has filed the complaint in the afternoon. As it was dark, she claims to have not seen the registration number of the vehicle. We are checking the CCTV footage in the vicinity to get clues about the accused who is yet to be arrested," said an officer. The Soladevanahally police have registered a case of sexual harassment against the unidentified accused.

₹55 LAKH STOLEN FROM KSRTC BUS

Chikkaballapur: A sum of ₹55 lakh kept in a KSRTC bus was stolen by miscreants. Though the incident occurred ten days ago, it came to light only on Friday. According to a source, Venkateshwar Rao, a resident of Andhra Pradesh, had sold a property in Bengaluru and was returning to his native Hyderabad, carrying the cash in a state-owned KSRTC bus. When the bus halted near Aruru in Chikkaballapur district for a break, Rao left his bag on the seat and went to have tea. Taking advantage of the situation, miscreants who arrived in a car allegedly stole the bag containing the cash. Upon returning to his seat, Rao found the bag missing and immediately lodged a complaint with the Peresandra police. SP Kushal Chowksey said a special team has been formed to nab the culprits. The police is probing the incident from all the angles.

OVER 100 MOBILES SEIZED IN A MONTH IN BENGALURU PRISON

Bengaluru: Bengaluru Central Prison officials seized 20 mobile phones during a raid conducted on Thursday night as part of the prison reforms campaign. With this, more than 100 mobile phones and other prohibited items were seized over the last month. The search operation began at 7.30 pm on Thursday and concluded at 1.10 am on Friday. During the raid, officials seized 20 mobile phones, five chargers, 24 SIM cards and two earphones. A case has been registered under the Karnataka Prisons Act in the Parappana Agrahara police station limits. Overall, officials have so far seized 101 mobile phones, 23 chargers, 84 SIM cards, 16 SIM cards, Rs 6,480 in cash and 18 sharp objects. A total of 10 FIRs have been registered.

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Ballari

IN a startling breach of prison security, a tennis ball stuffed with marijuana was allegedly hurled into the high-security Ballari Central Jail from outside the compound wall. The incident came to light when one of the jail staff found the ball near the wall and later checked the CCTV surveillance. The incident has once again raised serious concerns over the effectiveness of security arrangements

at the jail.

According to official sources, the suspicious object was spotted during routine monitoring of the jail premises. On closer inspection, prison staff discovered that the tennis ball had been carefully cut open and used to conceal marijuana. The contraband was immediately seized and a report was filed with senior authorities. This is the second such incident reported at Ballari Central Jail in the past few months.

The latest development has also

revived uncomfortable questions for the jail authorities. A few months ago, an undertrial prisoner, after being released on bail, had alleged that contraband items could be procured inside the jail by paying bribes. Though the allegations were denied at the time, the recovery of marijuana has added fresh weight to claims of systemic vulnerabilities, if not internal collusion.

Following the incident, senior prison officials and police officers conducted a preliminary inspec-

tion. CCTV footage from multiple angles is being examined to identify the individual who threw the tennis ball into the jail compound. Investigators are also probing whether any inmates were involved or if there was assistance from within. A senior official said an internal inquiry has been ordered and assured that action would be taken. "Security measures will be further tightened, and vulnerable points along the prison wall will be reviewed," the official said.

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Brief E-TENDER NOTICE

No:SHAR:CMGCIVIL:MAINT:E-PT-14/25-26

Dt: 19.12.2025

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for following works;

Name of Work	Tender No	Estimate Cost
Providing Galvalume Shed for CISF at Aryabhata – II & III, SDSC SHAR.	T/C-25-057	₹ 12.85 Lakhs

Tender documents can be downloaded up to **26.12.2025, 14:30 hrs.** For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website <https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html> and tender free view at <https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro>

Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG/ SDSC SHAR

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Seized properties include land, buildings

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@bengaluru

THE Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru zonal office, has provisionally attached four immovable properties worth around Rs 8.07 crore, of former minister B Nagendra, under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in a case related to misappropriation and diversion of funds of Karnataka Mahharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation (KMVSTDC).

"The seized assets include residential/commercial land and buildings," the ED stated in an official release on Friday. ED initiated investigation on the basis of various FIRs registered by Karnataka police and Bank Securities & Fraud Branch (BS&FB), CBI, Bengaluru, in connection with offences related to misuse/diversion of funds from KMVSTDC.

"Earlier, search operations were conducted under the provisions of PMLA at various locations across Karnataka and other states. Six persons, including Nagendra, were arrested. Thereafter, a Prosecution Complaint was filed before the Principal City



Civil and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru, on September 9, 2024, against 25 accused persons/entities including Nagendra. The court had taken cognizance of the same on October 5 last year," stated the central agency.

"Earlier, PAO number 22/2025 dated August 26, 2025, under Section 5(1) of PMLA was issued wherein movable and immovable properties of other accused worth Rs 4.94 crore were provisionally attached. All out efforts were taken to trace the Proceeds of Crime (POC) generated by Nagendra. However, the remaining POC could not be traced and it appears the same have been either exhausted or concealed by him. Therefore, ED is constrained to attach equivalent value of POC in the form of such properties (worth around Rs 8.07 crore) which otherwise may frustrate further proceedings under PMLA," added the ED.

Seagull, found with
GPS tracker in
Karwar, dies

Hubballi: The seagull which was found with a GPS tracker on the shore near Kadamba Naval Base in Karwar, has died. The bird was under the care of the Marine Biology Department after being rescued by the police two days ago. Officials said the bird was in poor health when it was first rescued. After removing the tracker, the bird was given food and water. It died late Thursday night. The Chinese environmental agency, whose name was mentioned on the GPS tracker, has been contacted by the local authorities in Karwar. **ENS**

Dress decently on duty: Govt circular to staff

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

STATE government employees better wear "decent" clothes, or else... The state government on Thursday issued a circular, warning the employees against wearing clothes that damage the reputation of the government.

The Department of Personnel Administration and Reforms (DPAR) sent out the communique to heads of various departments, deputy commissioners, Chief Minister's Office, additional chief secretaries, principal secretaries, secretaries, chief executive officers of zilla panchayat and others, listing out the dos and don'ts.

Unlike corporate offices, there is no dress code for government employees. However, some youngsters dress like college-goers, which is not acceptable. They wear torn jeans, sleeveless dresses and outfits that are too tight — An official

The circular stated that DPAR had received complaints from the public and organisations that some employees in state government offices were dressed indecently. Though the employees are told to wear decent outfits, many are not following the instructions. "We have taken it seriously," it read.

"Unlike corporate offices, there is no dress code for government employees. However, some youngsters dress like

college-goers, which is not acceptable. They wear torn jeans, sleeveless dresses and outfits that are too tight," officials said.

Karnataka State Government Employees' Association president CS Shadakshari said they welcome the move. "One's dress should not embarrass others. Decency should be maintained in government offices," he said.

The circular also stated that the government had introduced

a movement register and cash declaration register and government employees were expected to make entries in these ledgers, while entering and leaving office. But many are not following the rule.

The movement register is to track employees. An employee has to be in office by 10.10 am and should remain in their seat till working hours end. "If they are going out on official duty, it has to be mentioned in the register," it states.

In the cash register, they have to mention the amount in their purse/pocket before entering the office and also while exiting.

Former PM urges Centre to establish
national board for jackfruit, tamarindEXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

FORMER prime minister and Rajya Sabha member HD Deve Gowda urged Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan to establish a national board for nutritionally rich fruit crops like tamarind, jackfruit and jamun.

In his letter to the Union Minister, the former PM said that tamarind, jackfruit and jamun are organically grown, require low rainfall and are cultivated at relatively low cost. Gowda stated that despite large-scale production and harvesting every year, a significant portion of the fruits remains unharvested and underutilized due to difficulty in harvesting, lack of assured buyers, inadequate processing facilities and limited access to cold storage centres for growers across the country.

The fruits and their by-products enjoy high demand in domestic and export markets, in-



JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda presents a jackfruit to Union Minister for Agriculture Shivraj Singh Chouhan in Delhi on Friday. Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy looks on

cluding demand from pharmaceutical industries and create large employment opportunities in rural areas.

The former PM proposed that a pilot model may initially be established in two or three states, which could later be rep-

licated across the country in a second phase. As per the proposal, an initial budget of Rs 3,000 crore per annum for a period of three years has been suggested, with minimal additional staff to oversee effective implementation.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hubballi

A bike rider was killed on the spot after his motorcycle came in front of a car, in which Rajendra Prasad — secretary to Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, was travelling. Prasad was also injured as the car overturned. He has been admitted to a private hospital in Hubballi.

Shivakumar, who was in Belagavi, came to Hubballi after midnight after learning about the accident. He stayed in the hospital for about two hours, ensured proper treatment, and gathered details from the doctors.

He told reporters that Rajendra Prasad is stable. "Doctors said he needs a couple of days to recover and needs some rest. Good doctors are available at this hospital. That is why he is

admitted here. Necessary treatment, including scans, has been provided, and there is no cause for concern. He has some neck pain and has been advised to rest. Goddess Yellamma has protected him. The accident occurred while they were going to a temple. The bike rider died," he said.

The deceased bike rider has been identified as Manjunath Bairnatti (30), a resident of Savadatti town. Expressing sorrow over his death, Shivakumar said he will dispatch ministers to visit the bereaved family and assured appropriate compensation.

It is said that Manjunath was on his way to work at Harsha Sugar Factory when the accident occurred. He suffered severe head injuries and died on the spot. Rajendra Prasad's car was badly damaged.

All out efforts were taken to trace the Proceeds of Crime generated by Nagendra. However, the remaining POC could not be traced and it appears the same have been either exhausted or concealed by him — Directorate of Enforcement

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BGKUJRO/2025-26/1184 **PRESS NOTE** Date:19.12.2025

-Short TermTender Notification (Through E-Procurement):-
The Registrar, Bagalkot University, Jamkhadi invites Tender through e-procurement for annual rate contract of vehicles on hire basis to Officers of Bagalkot University, Jamkhadi from **19.12.2025**. Desired eligible suppliers/Agency may apply before **26.12.2025 by 5.00 PM** through <http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. For further information kindly visit University website www.bgku.karnataka.gov.in or the Estate Office at University.

Sd/-
Registrar
Bagalkot University, Jamkhadi

Bank of Baroda
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Rajarajeshwari Nagar Branch (4106)
No. 874, 2nd Cross, 9th Main, BEML Layout, 4th Stage, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore-560098. being Secured Creditor Bank in exercise of the powers conferred u/s 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act 2002 (hereinafter referred as "Act") read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 (hereinafter referred as "Rules") issued demand notice dated **26.08.2025** calling upon you being Borrowers (s)/ Mortgagee (s)/ Guarantor (s) to repay the amount stated in the said demand notice within 60 days from receipt of said notice.

And whereas you have failed to repay the amount, the undersigned in exercise of the powers conferred u/s 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 4 and/or Rule 8 of the Rules have taken over the Possession of Secured Assets (hereinafter referred as the said properties) more particularly described herein below Schedule. [Copy of Possession Notice dated **06.12.2025** is attached herewith for ready reference].

Even after taking possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to Bank as mentioned in above Possession Notice. Your attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Therefore you all are requested to pay the dues as mentioned in possession notice along with applicable interest, cost, charges & expenses within 30 days from receipt of this notice and redeem the secured asset as mentioned below. In case you fail to pay the above mentioned dues & redeem the secured asset within 30 days from receipt of this notice, Bank will be constrained to sell the secured asset through public e-Auction by publication of e-Auction Sale notice. The date, time of e-auction and Reserve Price of the property shall be informed to you separately.

Schedule of Secured Assets/Properties			
Description of the Movable/Immovable Properties	Date of Possession	Type of Possession (Symbolic/Physical)	Date of Publication of Possession Notice (For Immovable property only)
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 240/41, old assessment Sy. no. 42, New Assessment New Sy. No. 107/ 1A1, Khata no. 36916 Measuring 1 acres 10 guntas, situated at Mallahahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 15 feet North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 600 Sq. Ft., and bounded on: East by: Site No. 240/40, West by: Remaining Portion of the same Site No. 41, North by: Road and South by: other Property.	06.12.2025	Symbolic	10.12.2025

Date : 19.12.2025
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Mode Only)

No.: CEE/OPR/KLB/SEE (O)/AEE-4/2025-26/1210 Date: 19.12.2025

KPTCL Invites bids against Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/2025-26/SS/Konkal Date:18-11-2025 from the eligible bidders for the work of Replacement of 2X10MVA, 110/11kV transformers by 2X20MVA, 110/11kV transformers at 110kV Konkal sub-station in Yadagiri Taluk & District on **Partial Turnkey Basis**, including Supply of all Materials/Equipments(Excluding supply of 20MVA power transformers and 11kV Switchgear) and Erection (including dismantling & Civil Works) of all Materials/ Equipments, Testing and Commissioning"

For more information log on to KPTCL website: <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> on the hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or to <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> on/after **20-12-2025**.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electy), Transmission (Operations) Zone, Prasarana Bhavan, KPTCL, Sedam Road, Kalaburagi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that our client has instructed us to investigate the rights, title and interest of Vaishnavi Infrastructure Private Limited, a company incorporated under the Companies Act having its registered office at 2/2, Walton Road, Off Vittal Malliya Road, Bangalore 560001, Karnataka, India ('Owner'), in relation to leasing of the commercial office premises particularised in the Schedule hereunder written ("said Premises").

All persons having any share, right, title, estate, interest, claim, objection and/or demand whether by way of sale, transfer, assignment, exchange, allotment, charge, encumbrance, tenancy, sub-tenancy, lease, sub-lease, license, mortgage, inheritance, occupation, possession, share, gift, lien, maintenance, easement, trust, muniment, covenant, release, relinquishment, or any other method through any agreement, deed, document, writing, conveyance deed, devise, bequest, succession, family arrangement / settlement, litigation, decree or order of any Court of Law, contracts / agreements, encumbrance, or otherwise howsoever of any nature whatsoever, in, to, out of or upon the said Premises or any part thereof or of any rights of the Owner therein, are hereby required to give notice thereof in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at our office at **Wadia Ghandy & Co. Bangalore, Pride Elite, 2nd floor, Museum Cross Road Bangalore- 560001, Karnataka** with a copy marked to pinaz.mehta@wadiaghandy.com within 7 (Seven) days from the date of publication hereof, failing which any such share, right, title, benefit, interest, claim, objection and/or demand shall be disregarded and shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned.

THE SCHEDULE REFERRED HEREINABOVE
(Description of the said Premises)

The office premises measuring in aggregate 1,49,700 square feet of leasable area comprising of the 7th floor (51,900 square feet), 8th floor (48,200 square feet) and 9th floor (49,600 square feet) of the building known as '**Vaishnavi BVS Senate**' together with 149 car parking spaces, constructed on all that piece and parcel of non-agricultural converted land measuring 03 Acres 14.18 Guntas, in Survey No. 178/2 (Now bearing Municipal No. 148 / Sy. No. 178/2) located at Bilekhalhi Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded as follows:

On or towards the East by	: Road
On or towards the West by	: Sy. No. 182;
On or towards the North by	: Sy. No. 178/1; and
On or towards the South by	: Sy. No. 183.

For
Date : 20.12.2025, **Wadia Ghandy & Co. (Bangalore)**
Place: Bengaluru, Pinaz Mehta, Partner

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD ELECTRICAL DIVISION BARAN
S.No. 917 Date: 12.12.2025

Notice Inviting Bid
(NIT No. 25/2025-26)

Bids for 02 Electrical work at Baran are invited from interested bidders upto **06.00 PM of 29.12.2025 (Monday)**. Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in> of the Rajasthan state. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 159.00 Lac.

1. PWD2526WS0818805
2. PWD2526WS0818806

Sd/- (Rachit Sharma)
Executive Engineer
PWD Elect. Dn Baran

DIPR/CP/18610/2025

Acharya Patashala Educational Trust
N.R.Colony, Bengaluru - 19
Phone: 080-26602586/ Email: apsedutrust@gmail.com

INVITING TENDER
APSET. No. /00/2025-26 Date: 18-12-2025

The President, APS Educational Trust, inviting Tender from the Registered PWD Civil Contractors and firms with Experience of executed similar works.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Approximate cost	EMD @1%	Cost of Tender form
1.	Construction of Girls Hostel Including Kitchen & Dining Block etc. at APS Engineering College, Kanakapura Road, Somnathalli Campus. Bengaluru	Rs. 3,75,00,000/-	Rs. 3,75,000/-	Rs. 5000/-

- Date of issue of blank Tender: From **29/12/2025 to 09/01/2026**.
- Last date for submission of Sealed Tender: **15/01/2026 Before 4.00 PM**
- Any clarification regarding the same can be obtained from the Trust office during working hours.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited for the following works through e-procurement portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in:

- (1) KPCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3798, Date: 15.12.2025. Providing Sheet cladding for EE(CHP)E-2 Store shed and other improvement works in CHP area at RTPS. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 18.29 Lakhs**. Work completion period: **Three (3) Months including monsoon period**.
- (2) KPCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3799, Date: 15.12.2025. Providing Pavement concrete near Thayamma Temple in marshalling yard area at RTPS. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 8.22 Lakhs**. Work completion period: **Two (2) Months including monsoon period**.
- (3) KPCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3766, Date: 11.12.2025. Supply, fabrication and erection of platform at Unit 8 FD and PA fans. EMD: **Rs. 12,775/-**.
- (4) Corrigendum: KPCL/2025-26/PM/WORK_INDENT3713, Date: 22.11.2025. Design, Engineering, Manufacture, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 2 sets of 220V, 2000Ah capacity Lead Acid Tubular in Transparent SAN container battery Bank (each set consists of 108 No. of 2V, 2000 Ah capacity Lead Acid Tubular cells) with all accessories and necessary spares to retrofit the existing 2 sets of 220V, 2000Ah capacity Lead Acid Tubular in Transparent SAN container (OPzS) battery banks of Unit 7 with buy back arrangement at RTPS. Last date for submission of completed bids: **13.01.2026 up to 16.00 Hrs** for Sl.No. (3) & **22.12.2025 up to 17.30 Hrs** for Sl.No. (4). Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer(RTM), M: 9480682533** for Sl.No. (1) & (2), **Executive Engineer(HT-2), M: 9449596528**, **e-mail: eeht2rtps@gmail.com** for Sl.No. (3) & **Executive Engineer(GM-2), Mobile No.: 9449596536, e-mail: eegm2rtps@karnataka.gov.in**, **e-mail: eegm2rtps@gmail.com**, for Sl.No. (4). RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Dist: Raichur,

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Website: <https://ksmc.karnataka.gov.in>

No./KSMCL/CSR/ E-tender/263394/2025-26 Date: 19.12.2025

TENDER INVITATION

KSMCL invites e-tender for purchase of Kinder play equipment's to various Anganawadi Kendras in Gadag District. under CSR 2025-26.

Calendar of Events

Last date for submission of Tender	Up to 5.00 pm on 05.01.2026
Date of opening of Technical Tender	At 11.00 am on 07.01.2026
Earnest Money Deposit {EMD}	Rs.50,000/-

Tender document may be downloaded from e-procurement GOK platform website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. Contact for any support in uploading & registration, e-procurement Helpdesk: 080-46010000/ 68948777

Sd/-
General Manager (A&V)

DIPR/CP/4548 /AKAR/2025-26

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India
(A Government of India Undertaking)

St Johns Church Road Branch,
No 13, ICON Building, Cleveland Town Bangalore 560005
Contact : 8928444964, Email : UBIN0558923@unionbankofindia.bank

POSSESSION NOTICE
(See Rule 8(1) Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002) [Rule - 8 (1)]

- 1.Mr. H.S. Renukappa S/o. Siddappa
2. Mr. R. Raghavendra S/o. Mr H. S. Renukappa
3. Mr. R. Ravi S/o. Mr H. S. Renukappa

All are residing at : No. 963, 12th Main, Srinivasagar, BSK 1st Stage, SBM Colony, Bangalore - 560 050.
Account No. : 5892066500000003

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Union Bank of India, Regional Office, Bangalore East** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **24.09.2025** calling upon the borrower and Guarantor to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 4,74,806.57** (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Eight hundred and Six and Paise Fifty Seven only) as on 24.09.2025 with interest and other applicable charges from time to time as per the agreement within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **17 th December 2025**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Union Bank of India, **St Johns Church Road (58920) branch, for an amount Rs.Rs. 4,74,806.57** (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Eight hundred and Six and Paise Fifty Seven only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available to the borrower to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Immovable Property
All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing New Municipal No. 60, Old Site No. 61, Survey no. 10/4, situated at 12th Main, Srinivasanagar, (earlier known as Gerehalli, Kasaba Hobli), Bangalore - 560 050, measuring East to West - 50 feet and North to South (20+27)/2 feet, in all measuring 1175 sq. ft. together with building constructed thereon and bounded by : East by : Private Property, West by : Government Road (earlier Site No. 60), North by : Site No. 59, South by : 25 feet Road.

Sd/-
Date: 17.12.2025
Place: Bangalore
Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

ASSAULT CASE

Let me live, says survivor in emotional online post

ENS @ Kochi

AFTER a video circulated by Martin Antony, the second accused in the 2017 actress assault and rape case, surfaced, allegedly revealing the survivor's identity, the survivor, actress Bhavana, on Friday, appealed to the public to let her live.

In an emotionally charged social media post, she said the only "mistake" she committed was approaching the police immediately after the violence against her and pursuing legal action. Had she remained silent, she wrote, she would later have been accused of not reporting the crime at all. "I should have stayed quiet, accepted what happened as fate, and ended my life," she said, laying bare the emotional toll of the continued attacks against her.

Her response came after she watched the video released by Martin. Condemning his actions, she said he could just as easily have levelled even more damaging and false allegations against her. "You could have even claimed that I filmed a nude video of you," she wrote, underscoring the extent of the humiliation and targeting she continues to face. Rejecting labels imposed on her, Bhavana said she doesn't want to be seen merely as a "victim" or a "survivor", but as a human being. "Let me live," she pleaded. On December 12, the Ernakulam District and Sessions Court sentenced all six convicts in the case, to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment in the 2017 case.

(The survivor is named with her permission)

SIR enumeration in TN: 97.4 lakh voters removed

T MURUGANANDHAM @ Chennai

A total of 97.37 lakh names have been removed from the electoral rolls in Tamil Nadu after the enumeration phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) under the categories of Absent, Shifted, and Dead as per the data released on Friday. The total number of voters now stands at 5,43,76,756, Chief Electoral Officer Archana Patnaik said. This is a 15.2% drop from the previous count of 6.41 crore voters.

Addressing a press meet at the state secretariat, the CEO said the number of voters who have shifted and absent during the three visits of the Booth Level Officers (BLOs) stood at 66.44 lakh. While the number of voters found dead stood at 26.94 lakh, there were 3.39 lakh multiple entries, she said. The 70 lakh voters — whose names have been deleted under shifted, absent and multiple en-

try categories — have another chance of enrolling themselves during the claims and objections period which commenced on Friday and will go on till January 18, 2026.

The list of shifted, absent and dead voters will be available in the polling stations from Saturday. The EROs (Electoral Registration Officers) will begin the process for seeking additional documents from those who could not prove their identity in the past SIRs.

The CEO said Shozinganallur, Pallavaram and Alandur Assembly constituencies have the maximum number of deletions (in terms of absolute numbers).

When asked about the reasons for the large number of deletions under Absent, Shifted and Dead categories in the SIR exercise, former CEC N Gopalaswami blamed it on patchy exercises earlier.

HC flags stagnation in Sabari gold probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

THE Kerala High Court on Friday flagged apparent stagnation in the probe into the Sabarimala gold scam and raised doubts over the selective arraignment of TDB members by the SIT. The court, which expressed concern over the slow pace of the probe, also played the SIT for not proceeding against advocate N Vijayakumar and K P Sankar Das, who were members of the TDB

in 2019.

The court noted that the order permitting Unnikrishnan Potti, the prime accused, to take the door frames and other items from the temple for gold cladding, by mentioning them as copper-plated, was signed by then TDB president A Padmakumar, advocate Vijayakumar and K P Sankar Das, apart from former TDB secretary S Jayasree. "It is

surprising to note that, when asked whether Vijayakumar and Sankar Das were arraigned and arrested, the prosecution submitted it has not been done so far," the court observed.

The court said this indicated serious stagnation in the probe. Justice A Badharudeen observed that the TDB notice dated July 5, 2019, signed on July 3, 2019, pursuant to a decision of the board,

stated the plates covering idols and the north and south corners of the sreekovil, which were copper-clad, were entrusted with Potti to be taken outside for gold cladding. The notice was signed by the TDB members who participated in the meeting and by Jayasree. "However, whether all the Devaswom Board members who attended the meeting have been rightly arraigned as accused in the case remains in serious doubt," said the court.



MEET AND GREET

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman greets Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu during a meeting, in New Delhi on Friday. Naidu sought substantial Central support for a series of strategic development initiatives in Andhra Pradesh | PTI

Parents found victim in semi-conscious state

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ON Thursday, after college, the accused allegedly took the victim in a car along with two of his friends to a lodge, where the accused allegedly got her intoxicated and raped her.

According to the preliminary investigation, two others were in the room and their role is yet to be ascertained. The victim is undergoing counselling as she is traumatised, the police said. As the victim didn't come home on Thursday evening, her parents tried to reach her on the mobile phone, but it was switched off. They searched for her and also approached the police. When

they called her again early on Friday morning, her phone was on, and she said she was near Yelahanka. When they reached there, they found her in a semi-conscious state and she shared her ordeal with her parents, following which they filed a complaint.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Northeast) Sajeeth VJ told The New Indian Express that the Yelahanka police registered a case against the accused under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. A source said that one of the accused has been taken into custody and will be questioned and further action will be taken as per law.

K'TAKA CM LAUNCHES E-KHATA SCHEME



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday launched the 'e-Khata' now from the comfort of your home' scheme in Belagavi aimed at enabling citizens to obtain khata services from home.

At a programme held at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha, appointment orders were distributed to pourakarmikas, house

ownership documents were handed over to beneficiaries, and an e-Khata handbook was released. The event was organised by the Directorate of Municipal Administration and the Belagavi City Corporation.

Urban Development and Town Planning Minister Byrathi Suresh said over 6,000 urban civic workers, including pourakarmikas and sanitation staff, are being provided houses under the Gruha Bhagya

scheme.

Under the scheme, 6,119 beneficiaries have been identified and the government has released Rs 326 crore for the project. So far, construction of 4,159 houses has been completed. He added that approval has been given for 172 houses in Belagavi and 133 in Vijayapura. Several ministers, legislators and senior officials were present in the programme.

EXPRESS READ

KSRTC deploys 1,000 spli buses to meet Xmas rush

Bengaluru: Anticipating a sharp rise in passenger movement during the Christmas season, the KSRTC has drawn up a special transport plan involving the deployment of 1,000 additional buses. The extra services will operate alongside regular schedules on December 19, 20 and 24 to facilitate outbound travel ahead of Christmas. Return services to Bengaluru from various destinations have been planned for December 26 and 28. These special buses will include dedicated bus services from Bengaluru's Kempegowda Bus Station to a wide range of destinations like Dharmasthala, Kukkesubramanya, Shivamogga, Hassan, Mangaluru, Kundapura, Shringeri, Horanadu, Davangere, Hubballi, Dharwad, Belagavi, Vijayapura, Gokarna, Sirsi, Karwar, Raichur, Kalaburagi, Ballari, Koppal, Yadgiri, Bidar, Tirupathi, Vijayawada, Hyderabad and other places.

Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited
(J V Company of KREDL-GoK & SECI-GoI)
6/13/1, KREDL Office Building, 5th Floor, 10th Block, Nagarabhavi, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 072.
No.: KSPDCL/F-213/2025-26/995 Date: 18.12.2025

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited hereby invites Electronic bids for **Providing Vehicles on Hire Basis for the use of officers of KSPDCL** through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal, Government of Karnataka. Bid documents will be available in the KPP Portal (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in) on or after 22.12.2025.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, KSPDCL

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited
(A wholly owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN: U04010KA2002SGC030438)

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP portal only)

BESCOM invites tender through KPP Portal vide Enquiry No.BESCOM/2025-26/IND0183 for supply of "L.T. Protection Kit." Bid documents available from 22.12.2025. Last date for bid submission is 21.01.2026, 17.15 Hrs. Opening of bid document is on 22.01.2026, 11.00 Hrs. The Tender documents can be obtained through KPP Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> Aspiring bidders need to register on KPP portal. Further, bidders can take assistance with KPP helpdesk contact numbers (+91-8046010000, +91-8068948777) or email at support@eprochelpdesk.com.

Sd/-Chief General Manager(Elc.), Procurement, BESCOM, 2nd Floor, K.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560 001, Ph.No: 080-22354939.

For Electricity related complaints call: 1912
Download BESCOM Mithra Mobile APP

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT/ TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

KPCL invites Bids in two parts through GoK KPP Portal: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> for the following works.

VARAHI HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT

1). KPCL/2025-26/BD/WORK INDENT3797 Date: 16.12.2025, Improvements/ Repairs to Dormitory Building at Masthikatte Colony-(Phase-III). Amount put to tender: Rs 14.69 Lakhs (excluding GST). EMD: Rs 36,725/- . Last date for tender submission: 31.12.2025 upto 4:00 Hours. Further details Contact: Executive Engineer(Civil), Masthikatte, Hosanagara, Shimoga District, Mobile: 9449598842 during office hours.

SHIVA HYDRO ELECTRIC STATION

1). KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK INDENT3782 Date: 15.12.2025, Providing and fixing fencing for 2 No's off 11kV/440V, 3 Phase Distribution transformers at Shivasamudram HES. EMD: Rs 4,230/- . Last date for submission/uploading the bid in e-portal: 05.01.2026 upto 15:00 Hours. Further details Contact: Executive Engineer(EM&O), Shiva, KPCL, Shivasamudram, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya District, Karnataka, Mobile: 91416 19315.

MAHATMA GANDHI HYDRO ELECTRIC WORKS

1). KPCL/2025-26/PS/VVORKINDENT3770, Date: 16.12.2025, Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of portable fire extinguishers and intelligent addressable fire alarm system at MGHE Works.

2). KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK INDENT3280/CALL-3, Date: 16.12.2025, Supply, Installation and Retro-Fitting of OPU Oil Circulation Pumps at MGHE Works. Tender processing fee and EMD: should be paid online through e-Procurement Portal. Last date and time for on-line submission of tenders: For SI. No. 1 & 2, 30.12.2025, 15:00 Hour. Further details Contact: Executive Engineer(MM) MGHE, Mahatma Gandhi Hydro Electric Works, KPCL, Jog Falls - 577435, Sagara Taluk, Shivamogga District. Mobile No.: 91416 12716, E-mail: eemmmghekpcl@karnataka.gov.in.

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, RAICHUR
[ICAR, NAAC accredited and UGC u/s 12(B) & 2(f) approved]
Stores Purchase Officer, UAS, Raichur - 584104,
E-mail: spo@uasraichur.edu.in Ph: 08532-220165

Tender Notification No. SPO/UASR/ 78 /2025-26, Date:18-12-2025

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur inviting request for Quotation to obtain rates to finalize the cost estimates for 1.Supply & Installation of Integrated Blended Smart Classroom Solutions 2.E-Books & 3.E-Books / E-Resources. The interested suppliers are requested to provide the best rates through quotations. The quotation should be addressed in the name of Stores Purchase officer, UAS, Raichur & sent to the office of the Stores Purchase officer, University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur-584104, not later than 10 days. The quotation may also be sent by email, post or in person. The details of description can be obtained/ downloaded from the website: <https://uasraichur.karnataka.gov.in> (Notification No. No.SPO/UASR/147,148 & 149/2025-26 Date: 17.12.2025) The last date for submission of filled in Quotations is 26.12.2025

Sd/- Stores Purchase Officer
UAS, Raichur.

DIP/RCR/614/KSMCA/616/2025-26

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Praveen Kumar R/ Rashmi Ts/ LBMYS00005461557	As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel Of Residential House Bearing No. 746, (Constructed On Site Bearing No. 746), Bhogadi 2nd Stage, Chamaraia Mohalla, Mysore 570006, Allotted in Auction By Mudra, Mysore And Bounded On: (Admeasuring An Area Of The Extent Being East To West: (12.60 ±0.00)/2 Mtrs. And North To South: 18.20 Mtrs. Total Extent 188.00 Sq. Mtrs. Of Vacant Site), North: Property Bearing No. 731. South: Road, East: Road 30 Feet West: Property Bearing No. 745./date Of Physical Possession On/16/12/2025.	11.03.2025 Rs. 1,03,68,802.74/-	Mysore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the date: December 20, 2025

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

KFC Kerala Financial Corporation

SARIB(TVM) : VELLAYAMBALAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM- 695033 Phone No: 04712737570,750 email: saribz@kfc.org, www.kfc.org

SALE NOTICE FOR THE SALE OF MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable assets under section 29 of State Financial Corporations Act, 1951. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable properties mortgaged / charged to Kerala Financial Corporation, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Kerala Financial Corporation will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" condition.

Branch: SARIB, Thiruvananthapuram Unit Name: MSK WOOD INDUSTRIES, I.D.A.-Plot No.94, Veli Industrial Estate, T.C.32/190(1), Thiruvananthapuram.

Sl No.	Name of Borrowers/Guarantors	Balance outstanding as on 01.12.2025	Details of property
1.	(a) Sri. M P Biju Proprietor, MSK WOOD INDUSTRIES, T.C. 13/934 (1), Mudampali House, Kannamoola, Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram.	Rs. 16,95,09,086/- (Rupees Sixteen crore Ninety-Five lakh Nine Thousand eighty-six only) with future interest & other charges from 02.12.2025	IDA plot No.94 comprises of 53 cents of land & building in Re.Sy Nos.2623/1,2,3,4 Kadakampally Village, TVM Taluk. Building Area:11292 Sq ft. Main Building, 2809 Sq ft. Carpenter Building, 1431 Sq Ft. Staff Quarters Building, 207 Sq ft Saw mill building, and 1057 Sq ft Office Building. Total 16796 Sq ft allotted to Sr. M P Biju Proprietor, MSK WOOD INDUSTRIES as per Hire Purchase agreement dated 03.08.2013 together with the machineries and equipment thereof. Boundaries: East - Road, North - Road, West - Pathway, South - Road
2.	Smt. S Kumari Revathi, T.C.No.13/985, Swathy Lane, Kannanamoola, Medical College P.O., Thiruvananthapuram	Rs. 16,95,09,086/- (Rupees Sixteen crore Ninety-Five lakh Nine Thousand eighty-six only) with future interest & other charges from 02.12.2025	IDA plot No.94 comprises of 53 cents of land & building in Re.Sy Nos.2623/1,2,3,4 Kadakampally Village, TVM Taluk. Building Area:11292 Sq ft. Main Building, 2809 Sq ft. Carpenter Building, 1431 Sq Ft. Staff Quarters Building, 207 Sq ft Saw mill building, and 1057 Sq ft Office Building. Total 16796 Sq ft allotted to Sr. M P Biju Proprietor, MSK WOOD INDUSTRIES as per Hire Purchase agreement dated 03.08.2013 together with the machineries and equipment thereof. Boundaries: East - Road, North - Road, West - Pathway, South - Road

Reserve Price - Rs.5,40,41,000 /-(Rupees Five Crore Forty Lakh Forty One Thousand and only) (Including Rs.54,52 lakh as the reserve price for movables) Earnest Money Deposit - Rs.27,10,000/- (Twenty Seven Lakh Ten thousand only) (To be remitted on or before 20.01.2026 5pm)

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in: www.kfcauction.org/www.kfco.org

Phone No. 9447117125, 0471-2737570,750

Thiruvananthapuram (Sd/-) Authorized Officer Kerala Financial Corporation Date: 20.12.2025

गणितीय विज्ञान संस्थान, चेन्नई
THE INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES, CHENNAI
(Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India)

दिसंबर / December 16, 2025

विज्ञापन संख्या / Advt No.12-R/IMSc/2025

गविसं समेकित वेतन पर पूर्णतः अनुबंध के आधार पर परियोजना पदों एवं प्रशासनिक प्रशिक्षुओं को भरने के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है। विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए, कृपया हमारी वेबसाइट https://www.imsc.res.in/other_positions के "अवसर पृष्ठ" पर जाएं।

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Sd/-
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BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (Through KPP Portal Only)

BWSSB invites tenders in Two Stage Tender System from eligible Contractors for the following Works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Amount Put to Tender EMD Amount
Office of the Chief Engineer (Kaveri-O&M), 8th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560009.		
IFT No.: BWSSB/CEK(O&M)TE/TA-01/57/2025/2004/2025-26		Date: 18-12-2025
1	Work of Providing Bitumen Macadam Road in Colony Premises and Store Area under the Jurisdiction of AEE(K-O&M)-1-1 Office at T.K. Halli.	Rs. 125.54 Lakhs Rs. 2.00 Lakhs
IFT No.: BWSSB/CEK(O&M)TE/TA-01/41/2025/2003/2025-26		Date: 18-12-2025
2	Work of Providing Bitumen Macadam Road from Main Gate to 300 MLD WTP (Cauvery Main Road) under the Jurisdiction of AEE(K-O&M)-1-1 Office at T.K. Halli.	Rs. 177.89 Lakhs Rs. 3.15 Lakhs
For both the above works, Last Date for Receipt of Tenders: 03-01-2026 upto 15.00 Hours. Tenders will be Opened on: 05-01-2026 at 16.00 Hours. Sd/- Chief Engineer (Kaveri-O&M)		
Office of the Chief Engineer (UWP), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560009.		
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(UWP)/ACE(WWW-H&AV-W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/53/2025-26		Date: 19-12-2025
3	Work of Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance of 20 MLD Used Water Treatment Plant (UWTP) at Horamavu for a Period of 5 Years. (2nd Call)	Rs. 1100.15 Lakhs Rs. 11.00 Lakhs
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(UWP)/ACE(WWW-H&AV-W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/51/2025-26		Date: 19-12-2025
4	Work of Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance of 40 MLD Used Water Treatment Plant, TSPS and ISPS at Rajacanal Phase-II for a Period of 5 Years. (2nd Call)	Rs. 2184.96 Lakhs Rs. 21.85 Lakhs
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(UWP)/ACE(WWW-P&W)/DCE(WWM-E&W)/TA-2/57/2025-26		Date: 19-12-2025
5	Work of Upgradation of Existing 60 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant to Ultimate Build Capacity 80 MLD at Kengeri by Providing Electro-Mechanical and Instrumentation Equipments. (2nd Call)	Rs. 23.07 Crores Rs. 23.07 Lakhs
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(UWP)/ACE(WWW-H&AV-W)/DCE(WWM-H&AV)/TA-2/55/2025-26		Date: 19-12-2025
6	Work of Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance of 20 MLD UWTP & 5 MLD ISPS at Nagasandra and 5 MLD ISPS at Karivobanahalli along with Raising Main from Karivobanahalli to Nagasandra New UWTP for a Period of 5 Years. (2nd Call)	Rs. 1913.68 Lakhs Rs. 19.14 Lakhs
For both the above works, Last Date for Receipt of Tenders: 30-12-2025 upto 11.00 Hours. Tenders will be Opened on: 31-12-2025 at 11.30 Hours. Sd/- Chief Engineer (UWP)		
The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-Procurement Process can be obtained by logging on to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in . For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.		

DIPR/CP/AdvtNo/4549/2025-26



LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

BACK OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL , HAYES ROAD, RESIDENCY RD, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA 560025

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL), under Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued Demand Notice to following Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors calling upon them to repay the outstanding due amount mentioned in the said notices. However, The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors having failed to repay the said due amount, the undersigned has taken **PHYSICAL POSSESSION (S)** in exercise of powers conferred U/s 13(4) and U/s 14 of the said Act read with the Rule 8.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property have been mortgaged to the LIC HFL, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of LIC HFL will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" & without any recourse basis on Date of auction, as per the brief particulars given here under.

Name of Borrower/s- Mr. RAMESH BASAVA Loan No – 410200005556	
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of the Apartment bearing No. A-302, Measuring 1800 Sft., on the second floor of the multistoried building known as "MAX-SUNFLOWER", with an undivided share of 2.5% of in the land, which is equivalent to 348 Sft bearing BBMP Khatha No. 1235, Sy. No. 34/1, situated in PattandurAgrahara Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East, and bounded on the East By: C. S Adam's Property, West By: Blind School Trust Property, North By: Blind School Trust Property, South By: Road.	

Date of Demand Notice	09.10.2017
Amt Demanded	Rs.. 80,44,002.00 with further Interest, Cost and Expenses.
Account Details	Beneficiary Name: LIC Housing Finance Ltd. Account No: LHFLBA410200005556, IFSC CODE: HDFC0000009
Date of Possession	Physical Possession on 19.09.2024
Reserve Price	Rs. 78,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy-eight Lakhs Only)
EMD	Rs. 7,80,000/- (Rupees Seven lakh eighty thousand only)
Total Amount payable as on date	Rs.22,973,859.59/- (Rupees Two crore twenty-nine lakhs seventy-three thousand eight hundred fifty-nine and fifty-nine paise only)

Name of Borrower/s- Mr. RAMESH BASAVA Loan No – 410200005557	
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of the Apartment bearing No. A-302, Measuring 1800 Sft., on the second floor of the multistoried building known as "MAX-SUNFLOWER" with an undivided share of 2.5% of in the land, which is equivalent to 348 Sft bearing BBMP Khatha No. 1235, Sy. No. 34/1, situated in PattandurAgrahara Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East, and bounded on the:- EAST By: C.S Adam's Property, West By: Blind School Trust Property, North By: Blind School Trust Property, South By: Road.	

Date of Demand Notice	09.10.2017
Amt Demanded	Rs. 79,61,211.00 with further Interest, Cost and Expenses.
Account Details	Beneficiary Name: LIC Housing Finance Ltd. Account No: LHFLBA410200005557, IFSC CODE: HDFC0000009
Date of Possession	Physical Possession on 19.09.2024
Reserve Price	Rs. 78,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy-eight Lakhs Only)
EMD	Rs. 7,80,000/- (Rupees Seven lakh eighty thousand only)
Total Amount payable as on date	Rs.22,780,349.59/- (Rupees Two crore twenty-seven lakhs eighty thousand three hundred Forty-nine and fifty-nine paise only)

Name of Borrower/s- Ms. RAJESWARI J N Loan No – 410100006700	
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of the Residential apartment No.304, in third floor of the "COMFORT DYNASTY" constructed on the Property bearing Present Corporation No.1088/1075/968/86/1, (formerly House list No.388, (Old Sy No. 86-1)) in Katha No.590 and property bearing House List No.388, in Khatha No.590 and Site No.2), Situated at Hulimavu Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now Under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, having a super built up area of 835 Sq. feet, consisting of One Bedroom with balcony, Two Toilets, Living, Kitchen with Utility, equipped with one covered Car Parking, Vitrified tiles flooring, Sanitary, Electrical wiring and other facilities, with 306 Sq. feet of undivided share of interest in Schedule A property and bounded on the:- EAST By: Flat No.302, West By: Flat No.306, North By: Corridor and flat No. 303, South By: Private Property	

Date of Demand Notice	03.10.2017
Amt Demanded	Rs. 3619100.39 with further Interest, Cost and Expenses.
Account Details	Beneficiary Name: LIC Housing Finance Ltd. Account No: LHFLBA410100006700, IFSC CODE: HDFC0000009
Date of Possession	Physical Possession on 07.11.2022
Reserve Price	Rs. 37,05,000/- (Rupees Thirty-seven Lakhs and five thousand Only)
EMD	Rs. 3,70,500.00/- (Rupees Three lakh seventy thousand five hundred only)
Total Amount payable as on date	Rs.9,718,628.54/- (Rupees Ninety-seven lakhs eighteen thousand six hundred twenty-eight and fifty-four paise only)

Name of Borrower/s- Mr. SUMA VENKATESH Loan No – 410100008246	
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY All that piece & parcel of immovable property Bearing Flat No-004, situated at Ground Floor, in the building known as AKSHAYA PRIDE with one Covered Car Parking area in still floor , with super built up area of 1174 square feet, having Undivided share of 242 Sft in the land bearing Sft no-5, Sy No.87/5, (Vide, B.D.S.A.L.N.:S.R(S)138/2005-06), situated at Kotanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore , bound on the: EAST By: Flat No.003, West By: M.V. Ramaswamy Raju's Property, North By: Flat No.005, South by: M.V. Ramaswamy Raju's Property,	

Date of Demand Notice	11.01.2018
Amt Demanded	Rs.4958444.29/- with further Interest, Cost and Expenses.
Account Details	Beneficiary Name: LIC Housing Finance Ltd. Account No: LHFLBA410100008246, IFSC CODE: HDFC0000009
Date of Possession	Physical Possession on 19.09.2024
Reserve Price	Rs. 51,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty-one Lakhs Only)
EMD	Rs. 5,10,000/- (Rupees Five lakh Ten thousand only)
Total Amount payable as on date	Rs.14,097,170.00/- (Rupees One crore Fourty lakhs ninety-seven thousand one hundred and seventy only)

Website of E-Auction	https://online.lichousing.com/eauction/ & https://www.auctionbazaar.com/
Date & time of Inspection of Photocopies of property documents	31st DEC 2025 & 10:30AM to 3:00PM
Address where property documents can be inspected	BACK OFFICE, 1st FLOOR, LIC JEEVAN MANGAL, HAYES ROAD, RESIDENCY ROAD, BENGALURU -560025, KARNATAKA.
Inspection of the Property Date for inspection and time	1st JAN 2026 & 10:00AM to 1:00PM
Contact person: Name of Authorised Representative	Mr. A.S.R Phanindra, Associate Chief Manager, Mob No: 8008177199
Contact details of E-Auction from the service provider	Mr. Uthappa K K, M/s. Arca Emart Pvt Ltd, Mob No. : 77995110999 email id- contact@auctionbazaar.com
Last date of submission of Online Tender / Bid	2nd JAN 2026 till 3:00PM
E Auction Date & Time	03rd JAN 2026 & 11 AM to 3.00PM

Further to this PUBLIC NOTICE for E-Auction Sale of the above said Assets / properties (in terms and conditions of the SARFAESI, Act 2002 and rules thereunder) LICHL invites OFFERS through online mode only to purchase the said property as per the following Terms and Conditions as mentioned below:

1. E-Auction Sale is being held on 'As is where is Basis' and 'As is what is Basis', whatever there is Basis' And 'Without Any Recourse Basis' and will be conducted "Online". The E-Auction will be conducted through LIC HFL approved E-auction service provider – Name of E-auction service provider (as published in newspaper advertisement) 2. To the best of the knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, no other encumbrance exists on the mortgaged property, except as disclosed in the publications. However, the interested Bidders to conduct their own independent due diligence verifications regarding the Location and Identity of the property, Inspection of Public records in the Sub Registrars' Offices/Civil Courts, to find any encumbrances, statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, Income Tax, Excise Duty, Labor Dues, electricity, and maintenance dues, etc., of the Secured Asset. The Successful bidders shall have to bear all outgoing i.e., municipal taxes, maintenance/society charges, electricity charges, water charges, stamp duty, registration charges, (if applicable), if any and all other incidentals charges, cost including all outgoing relating to the respective properties over and above the Reserve Price. LICHL will not be held responsible for any charge, lien, liabilities, etc., of whatsoever nature pending upon the properties as mentioned above. 3. The intending bidders should register their names at portal "website of E-auction service provider" as mentioned in the auction sale notice (as published in newspaper advertisement). 4. The E-auction Sale is subject to the conditions prescribed in the SARFAESI Act/Rules 2002 and the terms and conditions mentioned hereunder/ website also subject to conditions in the offer/bid documents to be submitted by the intending/participating bidders. 5. Every bidder is required to have his/her own email address in order to participate in the online E-auction. Once Intending Bidder formally registers as a qualified tenderer before Authorized Officer of LICHL, will have to express his/her interest to participate through the E-auction bidding platform, by submitting documents. It shall be the tenderer's/online bidder's sole responsibility to procure his/her login ID and password from the E-auction service provider. 6. The aforesaid properties shall not be sold below the Reserve Price mentioned above. 7. If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payments or fails to adhere to the terms and condition of E-Auction in any manner the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim as such for forfeited amount. 8. The offer/s along with the aforesaid Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) can be submitted "online" through the portal eg., "www.auctionbazaar.com" along with the EMD and scanned copy of KYC documents including PAN Card & (Aadhar Card) address proof, to the service provider, mentioned above on or before the Bid Submission due date & time as per other details of Auction above. Authorised Officer is not bound to accept highest offer made by the bidder if not acceptable to the secured creditor. 9. Every Bidder shall deposit EMD before participating in E-Auction. The said Deposit/s shall be adjusted in the case of successful bidder/s, otherwise refunded. The said earnest money deposit/s will not carry any interest. 10. Initial Bidding increment is Rs 25000/-. However, Authorised Officer will state bidding increment amount percentage for each property if, decided otherwise. 11. The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, adjusting the EMD paid already, within 24 hours of bid acceptance by the Authorized officer/next working day before close of cash hours, in respect of the sale, failing which the earnest money deposited shall be forfeited. The balance 75% of the sale price is payable within 15 days from the date of confirmation of the sale unless decided otherwise by Authorised Officer in writing, the maximum period allowed is 90 days, beyond which time-period cannot be extended. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited. The Authorized Officer shall not be required to give any further notice of forfeiture to the successful bidder. 12. The successful bidder should bear the charges/fees payable on sale certificate, such as registration fees, stamp duty, taxes, or any other duties payable for getting the secured asset transferred in his/her name.

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THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Administrative Office : # 3, PAMAHAKAVI ROAD, CHAMARAJAPET, BANGALORE –18 Ph.: 26678572
26600512 : 26609066 : 9342781424 General Manager : 26617980 : Tele Fax : (080) 26617980

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT').

At their request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its below mentioned branches. The relevant particulars of the property on which they have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued d by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon them, was un-served/ not acknowledged / addressee left / this publication is now issued.

1) Name and Address of the Borrower :- Sri. Sargunan Mahalingam S/o Mahalingam & Smt. Suma Sargunan W/o Sri. Sargunan Mahalingam, No. 10, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Near Maramma Temple, Lakshmi Layout, Hongasandra, Kudlu, Bengaluru-68.
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing : Property No. 2/10/54/3, & 54/2/53, Old No. 02, New No. 10, Old Khatha No. 54/3 & 54/2, then Khatha No. 53, CMC form No. 03, Khatha No. 961, Khatha SL No. 2102, situated at Hongasandra village, Garvebhavipalya, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 190 of Mangamanapalya, Bengaluru. Measuring :- East to West: 40 feet & North to South : 15 feet
East by : Property belongs to Chinnaraju, West by : 20 feet Road, North by : Property belongs to Selvi & Mahesh, South by : Old Site No. 03, New No. 09 belongs to Palani..

Nature of Facility: Long Term Loan of Rs. 20,00,000/- A/c No :- SLTL (EMI):- 01 Loan issued Date :- 12.10.2023
Out Standing Loan Amount :- Rs. 19,61,651/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Sixty One Thousand & Six Hundred Fifty one Only), As on 01.12.2025, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.

Date of NPA :- 10.11.2025 Demand Notice dtd:- 01.12.2025 Branch:- ELECTRONIC CITY

2) Name and Address of the Borrower :- Sri. Manjunath. J. H S/o Hemanna J.A. Smt. Sharada. M W/o Manjunath J H & Smt. Gowramma H W/o Late. Hemanna. J. A. No. 201, Appanna Building, Near Government School Road, Jakkur Bengaluru-64.
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- Old Khath No. 223/222, Present BBMP Khatha No. 224/223/222, Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 7 of Jakkur Village, New Ward No. 07 of Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru. Measuring :- East to West : towards Northern Side : 44.9 feet , towards Southern Side : 44.9 feet & North to South : towards Eastern Side : 40 feet , towards Western Side : 28.9 feet

East by : Road, West by : Property belongs to Narayanappa (Agasaru), North by : Property belongs to Appanna, South by : Property belongs to Nagaraju.

Nature of Facility: Long Term Loan of Rs. 98,00,000/- A/c No :- LTL (EMI):- 56 Loan issued Date :- 17.03.2023
Out Standing Loan Amount :- Rs. 95,97,460/- (Rupees Ninety Five Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand & Four Hundred Sixty Only), As on 01.12.2025, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.

Date of NPA :- 15.11.2025 Demand Notice dtd:- 01.12.2025 Branch:- ELECTRONIC CITY

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section (2) of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtained written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law. Your kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act where under you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s).

Place : Bangalore Sd/- (Authorised Officer)
Date : 19.12.2025 The Bangalore City Co-Operative Bank Limited.

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Bank of India

COIMBATORE ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH : COIMBATORE ZONAL OFFICE
'STAR' House, 324, Oppanakara Street, Coimbatore-641 001
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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of BANK OF INDIA, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **28.01.2026** for recovery of below mentioned amount due to the BANK OF INDIA, respective branch, from the below mentioned borrower(s)/Guarantor(s). The reserve price, EMD amount and Property details are as mentioned hereunder:

BRANCH : P Vadugapalayam Branch Branch (Account presently transferred to Coimbatore Asset Recovery Branch). Name and Address of the Borrowers and Guarantors : Borrowers : M/s. FAATHER CARE APPARELS PRIVATE LIMITED, at 28-B, Pollachi Road, P.Vadugapalayam, Palladam.Tirupur-641664 represented by its directors and guarantors 1. Mr. Parthiban G (Director/Guarantor) 2. Ms. Aishwariyaa Shree (Director/ Guarantor) both residing at 96, K R Brindhang Garden, Palangarai Village, Avinashi Taluk, Dist Tirupur-641654.
Total liabilities : Rs.2,84,99,555.60 as on 17.12.2025 + Interest @ 9.40 % p.a with monthly rests from 21.09.2024 for Cash Credit limit and Ad-hoc , Rs. 14,91,270.00 as on 17.12.2025 + Interest @ 9.40 % p.a with monthly rests from 21.09.2024 for Term loan aggregating to Rs. 2,99,90,825.60 with interest, costs & other charges

Description of the Immovable property 1 : Three Bedrooms Apartment bearing No. D-1, third floor measuring 1225 Sq Feet of super built-up area with vitrified tiles flooring. One covered car parking place, proportionate share in common area such as passages, lobbies, lifts, stair cases and other areas of common use part of multistoried residential apartment known as "SRI KRISHNA RESIDENCY" constructed at Schedule "A" property. **Schedule A-** All the piece and parcel of the residential property bearing site Nos. 23,24,26 and 27, formed in Sy No. 5/2 of Yelechenahalli Village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently coming within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No. 185 of Yelechenahalli. Bangalore and all the sites clubbed into one single Katha and bearing BBMP Katha No. 498/23, 27/5/2/26, 24/500/592 measuring East to West: 80 feet and North to south: 60+54.6/2 feet, in all measuring 4584 sq.feet and **bounded on :** East by-Road, West by-Road, North by- private property, South by- Private Property, Schedule "B" Property 225 sq.feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land comprising in Schedule A property. The property is in name of Mr. G Parthiban.

Reserve Price for Property 1 : Rs.69,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 6,90,000/- BID MULTIPLIER : Rs.50,000/-

Description of the Immovable property 2 : All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No 204 (2 BHK), in First Floor, North Facing, Measuring 1200 Sq ft of Super Built Area, in the Apartment building Known as "DEVI GRAND VIEW" constructed in the Schedule "A" herein below, together with 223 sq ft of Undivided Share, Right, Title, Interest and Ownership and sital area comprising of the flat consisting of Two Bed Rooms, Hall, Dining, Kitchen, Balcony, Utility India Bath Rooms and Toilets, Consisting of Flush Shutter with Hardwood Frames, Main door Teak wood Frame and shutter and Aluminum Windows, having Vitrified flooring along with One Car Parking in Schedule A property. East by-Private property, West by-Flat No.201, North by-Private Property, South by-Flat No.203, **Schedule A - Item No 1:** All that piece and parcel of immovable residential House List No 20, Old Khata Nos 24/1 and 24/2, Present BBMP Katha No 987/38/24/1/24/2/20, Situated at Sarakkikere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore and measuring East to West: 67 Ft and North to South: 37½ ft, in all measuring 2512.5 Sq ft and **Bounded on the -** East by - Private property, West by-Road, North by-Site No 19, South by-Private property. **Item No 2:** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing site No 19, in Old Khata Nos 24/1, Present BBMP Katha No 998/24/1/19, Situated at Sarakkikere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara palike, Bangalore and measuring East to West: 67 Ft and North to South: 37.5 ft, in all measuring 2512.5 Sq ft and **Bounded as follows :** East by-Private property. West by-Road, North by-Site No 18, South by-Site No 20. **Composite Property:** All that piece and parcel of the Combined property of Item Nos 1 and 2 bearing site No 19 and 20, Old Khata Nos 24/1 and 24/2, then BBMP Katha Nos 998/24/1/19 and 987/38/24/1/24/2/20, Present BBMP Katha No 998/24/1/24/2/19 & 20, situated at Sarakkikere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara palike, Puttenahalli Ward No.187. Sarakkikere, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 67 Ft and North to South: 75 ft, in all measuring 5025 Sq ft and **Bounded on the-** East by - Private property, West by -Road, North by-Site No 18, South by - Private property. The property is in name of Mr.G Parthiban.

Reserve Price for Property 2 : Rs. 76,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 7,60,000/- BID MULTIPLIER : Rs.50,000/-

Description of the Immovable property 3 : Vacant land situated at G.S.No.92/38,3D, 4B, 4D, 2B, 2D, Vadapoondi village,Kallakurichi Taluk, Nagalur Sub Registration District, Kallakurichi Dt, having an total extent of 1.11 acres in the name of Mr.Parthiban G **Extent details :**S.F.No.92/2B – 24 cents, S.F.No.92/2D – 12 cents, S.F.No.92/3B – 28 cents, S.F.No.92/3D – 28 cents, S.F.No.92/4B – 03 cents, S.F.No.92/4D – 16 cents. Total - 1.11 acres **Boundaries:** In Kallakurichi Registration District, Nagalur Sub registration District, Kallakurichi Taluk, in Vadapoondi village, (Patta No.121,16)(now in Patta No.673) in G.S.No.92/3 extent of 0.39.5 ares or o acre 98 cents in this extent of 28 cents situated within the following **boundaries:** East of – Land belonged to Vinayathal, West of – Lands retained by vendors, South of – Land belonged to Malaiyaperumal, North of – Land belonged to Malaiyaperumal. Within these boundaries measuring an extent of 28 cents. The above property now subdivided in G.S.No.92/3B. In G.S.No.92/3 extent of 0.39.5 ares or 0 acre 98 cents, in this extent of 28 cents situated within the following **boundaries :** East of : Land belonged to Muthusamy, West of : Lands retained by vendor, South of : Land belonged to Malaiyaperumal, North of : Road. Within these boundaries an extent of 28 cents. The above property now subdivided in G.S.No.92/3B. Thus in the above Survey No.92/3 extent of 0.56 cents with well. In G.S.No.94/2 extent of 0.10.0 ares or 0 acre 25 cents in this extent of 0 acres 03 cents situated within the following **boundaries:** East of : lands retained by vendors, West of : lands retained by vendors, South of : Lands belonged to Malaiyaperumal, North of : Land belonged to Malaiyaperumal. Within these boundaries measuring an extent of 0 acres 03 cents. The above property now subdivided in G.S.No.92/4B, In G.S.No.92/4 extent of 0.10.0 ares or 0 acre 25 cents. In this an extent if 0 acres 16 cents situated within the following **boundaries -** East of : lands retained by vendors, West of : lands retained by vendors, South of : Land belonged to Malaiyaperumal, North of : Road, Within these boundaries measuring an extent of 16 cents. The above property now sub divided in G.S.No.92/4D, In G.S.No.94/2 extent of 0.24.5 ares or 0 acre 61 cents.in this extent of 0 acres 24 cents situated within the following **boundaries :** East of : lands retained by vendors, West of : Dry Land, South of : Land belonged to Malaiyaperumal, North of : Land belonged to Malaiyaperumal. Within these boundaries measuring an extent of 24 cents. The above property now subdivided in G.S.No.94/2B. In G.S.No. 94/2 extent of 0.24.5 ares or 0 acre 61 cents, in this extent of 0 acres 12 cents situated within the following **boundaries:** East of : Lands retained by vendors, West of : Dry Land South of : Land belonged to Malaiyaperumal, North of : Road, Within these boundaries measuring an extent of 12 cents. The above property now sub divided in G.S.No.94/2D. Thus totalling extent of 1 acre 11 cents with mamool pathway rights and mamool drain irrigation. The above said property situated within the limits of Thiyyagathurugam Union and Vandapoondi Village Panchayat. The property is in name of Mr. G Parthiban.

Reserve Price for Property 3 : Rs. 22,35,000/- EMD : Rs.2,23,500/- BID MULTIPLIER : Rs.50,000/- (CGM Order Obtained)

Date & Time of E-auction : 28.01.2026 (Wednesday) between 11 am - 5 pm

(with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded)

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them. The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website <https://BAANKNET.com>

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders>

Place : Coimbatore Sd/-
Date : 17.12.2025 Authorized Officer
BANK OF INDIA



LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

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13. The Sale Certificate will be issued only in the name of the successful bidder and only after receipt of the entire sale price. 14.The notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and Guarantor/s that they can bring the intending buyer/purchaser for purchasing the properties mentioned above, as per the terms and Conditions of the E-Auction Sale. 15. Inspection of the photocopies of documents and Property Inspection of the above said properties can be done on the dates stated in the advertisement. Interested bidders shall contact the designated official as per the other details of E-Auction mentioned above. All conveyance and other expenses related to Inspection of the property/document copies shall be borne by the interested bidders. 16. The LIC Housing Finance Limited reserves the right to CANCEL / ACCEPT / REJECT / ALTER / MODIFY / POSTPONE the AUCTION without giving any reason whatsoever or prior Notice. 17. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Secured Creditor, viz., LIC Housing Finance Ltd.

Place: Bangalore Sd/-
Date : 20.12.2025 Authorized Officer
L.I.C Housing Finance Ltd, Bangalore

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II AT BENGALURU
4th FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE
BUILDING RAJ BHAVAN ROAD,
BENGALURU - 560001
O. A. No. 20/6/2023
BETWEEN: UCO BANK JAYANAGAR BRANCH, ...Applicant
AND: MRS. NEELA R AND ANOTHER, ...Defendant

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANT THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION
To, 1. MRS. NEELA R. W/o: MAHESH A, AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS, RESIDING AT No. 240, 4TH CROSS ROAD, ABBIGERE, CHIKKANABANAVARA POST, YESSWANTHAPURA, BENGALURU - 560002.
2. MR. MAHESH A, S/O: ANJANAPPA, AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS, RESIDING AT No. 240, 4TH CROSS ROAD, ABBIGERE, CHIKKANABANAVARA POST, YESSWANTHAPURA, BENGALURU - 560002.

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to the Banks and Financial Institutions Act of 1993, against you for recovery of a sum of Rs.70,55,488.34/- (Rupees Seventy Lakh Fifty Five Thousand four Hundred Eighty Eight and paise Thirty Four Only) to claim future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons, on or before 26/12/2025 at 10.30 a.m. either in person or by a pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on this 18/12/2025

By the order of the Tribunal
Signature of the Officer
Authorised to issue Summons

ADVOCATE FOR APPLICANT
VENUGOPAL, M.S.
ADVOCATE AND CONSULTANT
FLAT NO.7, 3RD FLOOR, KASTURI
APARTMENTS, LANGFORD ROAD CROSS,
SHANTHINAGAR, BENGALURU - 560025

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II AT BENGALURU
4th FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE
BUILDING RAJ BHAVAN ROAD,
BENGALURU - 560001
O. A. No. 18/26/2023
BETWEEN: UCO BANK DEVANAHALLI BRANCH, ...Applicant
AND: Sri. Munivenkatamma and others, ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANT THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION
To, 1. Smt. Munivenkatamma W/o. Muniswami, Aged about 73 Years, R/o No. 76, Nambhalli Village and post, Srinivasapura Taluk District Kolar Karnataka - 563128
2. Sri. Radhakrishna Murthy B.M. S/o. Late B. Muniswami, Aged about 38 Years, R/o No.2918, Muneshwara Nagar, 4th A Cross, RT Nagar, Bengaluru - 560032.

3. Sri. B.M. Madhu, S/o. Late B. Muniswami, Aged about 47 Years, R/o. No. 76, Nambhalli Village and post, Srinivasapura Taluk, District Kolar - 563128
4. Sri. B.M. Srinivasan, Aged About 53 Years, No. 76, Nambhalli Village and post, Srinivasapura taluk, District Kolar, Karnataka - 563128
Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to the Banks and Financial Institutions Act of 1993, against you for recovery of a sum of Rs.2,69,16,088/- and to claim future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons, on or before 26/12/2025 at 10.30 a.m. either in person or by a pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on this 18/12/2025

By the order of the Tribunal
Signature of the Officer
Authorised to issue Summons

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India
ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH
BANGALORE SOUTH
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E-mail : ubin0555991@unionbankofindia.bank

POSSESSION NOTICE - [Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)
Date: 18.12.2025

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, NR Road, Bangalore, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 24-07-2024 calling upon the Borrowers / Guarantor, 1. Ms. Regilla Iyya Pillai, No.11, 16 South Peyodu, Azhagiya pandipuram, Kanyakumari - 629851 2. Mr. S Palanisamy, No.11, 16 South Peyodu, Azhagiya pandipuram, Kanyakumari - 629851 to repay the debts mentioned in the notice being Rs.1,15,54,087/- (Rupees One Crore Fifteen Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Eighty Seven only) and interest / Cost / Expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this 18th Day of December 2025.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch for an amount of Rs. 1,43,03,516.18 (Rupees One Crore Forty Three Lakhs Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen and Eighteen paise only) as on 30.11.2025 and interest/ Cost/ Expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Schedule 'A' Property :- All that piece and parcel of the immovable property residential site bearing nos. 2 and 3, Kengeri Municipality Property No. 26/130, Old Khattha No.1487/C, Municipality Khattha Nos.762/C and 762/A, BBMP Khattha Nos.4428 & 4427, New BBMP Amalgamated Khattha No. 4427/1487/C/28/130/782/A/S No. 3, formed in Sy.No.48 of Dubasipalya, Vaigerehalli Village, Dhakale, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South taluk, Bengaluru presently comes under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 130, Bengaluru, Measuring : East to West 115 feet, North to South 85 feet in all measuring 9775 square feet and bounded on the : **East** by : Site No. 4, **South** by : Site No. 1, **North** by : Muniveerappa's House, **South** by : Road.

Schedule 'B' Property :- All that piece and parcel of 3 BHK Flats bearing No. FRT-001 on the Fourth Floor of the residential building known as "SRI KRISHNA SERENITY" constructed on the Schedule A property, Measuring 2000 Sq.Ft of super built up area having Vitrified Tiles Flooring, together with One Covered Car Parking Space in the Parking Area, inclusive of Proportionate Share in Common Areas such as Passages, Lobbies, Staircases, Set Back Areas, Lift and Other Areas of Common Use and 407 Sq.Ft. of undivided share of land with rights and interests in Schedule A property and bounded by : **East** by : Flat No. FRT-004, **West** by : Open to sky & RC Enclave, **North** by : Flat No. FRT-002, **South** by : Road.

Note : Possession taken under Sec13(4) Dated 09/10/2024 stands withdrawn.

Date : 18.12.2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore. Union Bank Of India

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
Regional Office West,
Chitrapur Mut Complex, 8th Main,
15th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560055
(A Government of India Undertaking)

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWERS/GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, Regional Office West, Bengaluru had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Speed Post with Acknowledgment Due to the addressees furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledgement returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addressees / due to evading of service of the notice sent by Speed Post, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/Mortgagors/ Guarantors: (1)M/S High Precision Technologies, No.315, A 8th Cross, 4th Phase, Peenya Industrial Areas, Near NTT Circle, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560058 (2)Mr. B M Kishore (Partner) No.51, BHEL Layout, North pattanagar,Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560098. (2a) Mr. B M Kishore(Partner) No.473, D-7, 13th Cross, 4th Phase Peenya Industrial Estate, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560058.(3)Mr. Ramesh Kurubara Narasappa(Partner) Dhruva Bliss No.4 5 Flat No.57, Nelagadranahalli, Nagasandra, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560073. (3a)Ramesh Kurubara Narasappa(Partner) S/o Manjappa,c/o Somashekar No.136, Sumani Fashions Opp.3rd Cross, Peenya II Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560058 (4)Mr. Mahesh M (Partner & Mortgagor) No.602, 5th Main Road, Vijayanandanagar, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560096. (5)Mr. Arjun Bhog (Partner) No.121, Ground Floor, Annapuramshwari Layout, Thigalarapalya, Maintora, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560058

[Details of the Liability/ies as on Date]

Loan Number	Date of Sanction	Sanctioned Amount	Liability with Interest as on date 15.12.2025	Rate of Interest
17000585126	16.11.2022	Rs. 2,02,00,000/-	Rs. 1,36,45,670.09	10.90+2% (penal interest)

Total Liability Amount: Rs.1,36,45,670.09 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Six Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy and Nine Paise only) Dated 15.12.2025 together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPADate: 13.12.2025 **Demand Notice Dated:** 16.12.2025

Name of Title holder: Mr Mahesh M

Description Immovable Property: All that peace and parcel of residential house property bearing No.602, PID No.10-74-602, situated at 5th Main Road, Vijayanandanagara Slum, BBMP Ward No.44, Marappanapalya, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru-560 096, measuring East to West 25.0 Ft. and North to South 39.0 Ft. in all Ad measuring 975 Sq.ft., consisting of ground and first floor of RCC Building, having 12 Square built up area with common amenities and bounded on East by: Site No.603 & 604, West by: Site No.601, North by: Site No.600 and Gulli, South by: Site No.605/1.

Name of Title holder: M/s High Precision Technologies

Description movable Property: 1.Horizontal Machining Center (HMC) 500 mm X 500 mm X 500 mm (16 Tole Charger) Model:84593100, including Standard Accessories and Stabilizer and with Fanuc Series Program Control RPM:12000, Bed size: Rotary Make: Howa, Japan. Year:2018, Quantity-2
2.Vertical Machining Center (VMC) (650mm X 450mm X 500mm)(24Tol Charger), Model: JV 55, including Standard Accessories and Stabilizer and with Fanuc Series Program Control, Rpm: 8000, Bed size: 910 mm, Make: LMW India, Year:2017, Quantity-2

You are hereby by called upon to pay Canara Bank, within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which Canara Bank will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers, Guarantors & Mortgagors. The powers available to Canara Bank under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by Canara Bank shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 19.12.2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bengaluru Canara Bank

KERALA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD
(DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVT. OF KERALA)
Head Office : Thycad, Thiruvananthapuram-14,
(Telephone No. 0471-2945600, 2945646)
E-mail : edrugs.kmscl@kerala.gov.in
website : www.kmscl.kerala.gov.in, C\IN No. U24233KL2007SGC021616

No.KMSCL/ED/36/2025 Date :18.12.2025

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited from manufacturers/direct importers / loan licensees on behalf of Department of Health, Govt of Kerala for the procurement Biolarvicide: Bacillus Thuringiensis Israeliensis (BTI) for NVBDCP.

Sl. No.	Tender No. and Date	No. of items
1.	KMSCL/ED/BTI-NVBDCP/RC/2025/032 dtd. 18/12/2025	1

The last date and time of online uploading of tenders will be 01.01.2026, 5.00 pm. The date and time of opening of Technical bid will be 03.01.2026 11.00 am. Tenders shall be downloaded and submitted online through the e-tender portal www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.

(Sd/-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

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The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of M/s. **PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before 06.01.2026, 5.00 pm. (Rs. in Lacs)

Lot	Description of the immovable/ movable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental value Rs.
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Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

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PRESSURE ON RUPEE TO CONTINUE, U.S. TRADE DEAL CAN CUSHION FALL

THE Indian rupee has emerged as Asia's worst-performing currency in 2025. After breaching the psychological level of 90 against the US dollar, the Indian currency took just 13 days to hit yet another historic low of 91 this week. Worryingly, it may remain under pressure in the near future, thanks to the endless wait for the India-US trade deal, persistent foreign portfolio investor (FPI) outflows, and thinning foreign direct investments. Its fall from 85 to 90 in less than a year is one of the sharpest declines in recent years. The depreciation comes at a time when Asian currencies such as the Singapore dollar, Thai baht, and Malaysian ringgit are gaining ground. This means the rupee has been falling against other currencies too, as shown by the RBI's Real Effective Exchange Rate Index that tracks movements against 40 currencies.

Clearly, the Indian currency is heading for its worst annual decline since 2022. However, the RBI seems unwilling to dip further into its \$700-billion war chest. Per estimates, it has injected about \$30 billion over the past eight months to address the rupee's rout. This is in contrast to the previous episode when the central bank spent over \$68 billion between 2022 and 2024 to prevent depreciation. Like in the past, the RBI maintains that it will intervene only to stem volatility and not defend a particular level. But the change in its foreign exchange management strategy indicates the central bank's willingness to let the rate adjust to the changed realities and use it as a macro stabiliser. We must bear in mind that even if depreciation boosts exports, higher import costs neutralise the impact. Although cheap Russian oil imports are cushioning the current account, gold, silver, electronics, and other imports are piling pressure.

The other thing dragging the rupee down is a higher demand for dollars. With over \$17.8-billion FPI outflows this year—the largest in two decades—the rising demand for the American currency is accelerating the rupee's fall. Meanwhile, thanks to high tariffs and subdued global demand, exporters too are earning fewer dollars, contributing to dollar scarcity and pushing the rupee even lower. It will be essential to get the US trade deal going to avoid further currency fluctuations.

BONDI BLOODBATH AMID WINTER OF DISCONTENT

JUST when the world was preparing to bid farewell to 2025, a beachfront bloodbath sent a chill across continents. In faraway Australia, a father-son duo, Sajid and Naveed Akram, killed 15 people and injured over 20 others in a mass shooting targeting those gathered to celebrate Hanukkah at Sydney's popular Bondi beach. The scale and brutality of the attack—the deadliest mass shooting in that country since the Port Arthur massacre of 1996—have shaken its sense of security.

As with every atrocity of this nature, there is a rush to find explanations. Was this the work of a transnational terror network? Did the duo's reported travel to the Philippines for 'military-style training' point to a wider conspiracy? Such questions would not explain why an otherwise unremarkable fruit-seller and his son chose to unleash violence on unarmed civilians. Acts of terror are rarely the product of a single cause—they emerge from grievance, indoctrination and a worldview that strips others of humanity.

The local police have charged 24-year-old Naveed with 59 offences, including 15 counts of murder. Australia's Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, has announced tougher hate-speech laws and restrictions on visas for those who propagate "hate and division". But the repercussions of the attack will extend far beyond that country's borders. It came at a time when global tempers were frayed and the fragile ceasefire in Gaza appeared poised to move into its next phase.

Bondi fits into a disturbing global pattern of targeted violence against communities that has intensified since the Israel-Hamas war erupted in 2023. This is not a clash of religions or civilisations. It is the deliberate targeting of civilians, justified through warped narratives. Terrorism seeks to convey a brutal message: that dialogue, politics, and diplomacy are futile. It thrives on the belief that differences are irreconcilable and coexistence impossible. Countering this requires more than policing and intelligence; it demands rejecting narratives that legitimise mass murder in the name of distant causes or imagined enemies.

What political leaders across the world, including in India, must now confront is a harder truth: years of opportunistic polarisation has widened the space for radicalisation. In such an atmosphere, no security apparatus can fully guard against isolated individuals willing to turn hatred into spectacle. The real test lies in resisting the politics of division before it curdles into violence.

QUICK TAKE

SAVING THEM SAVES US

THE Supreme Court has ordered measures to protect the endangered Great Indian Bustard and Lesser Florican, species that are facing extinction due to power lines and loss of habitat. The tasks of driving 159 km of power lines underground and banning large wind and solar projects fall on Rajasthan and Gujarat, the two main home states of these birds. While power companies scratch their heads, they must understand the urgency: While the Great Indian Bustard is an 'umbrella species' that helps farmers by controlling pests and maintaining ecological balance through seed dispersal, the Lesser Florican is an 'indicator species' whose survival signals the health of vital grassland ecosystems that conserve water and store carbon. Their survival is essential.

THE horrific mass shooting at Bondi beach on December 14 during a Hanukkah celebration claimed at least 15 lives and wounded dozens more. Sadly, the perpetrators have an India link. We used to believe that Indo-Australian relations were defined by cricket and the Quad, not to mention Anglo-cosmopolitanism. But now, a new and disturbing element has been added to the mostly pleasant relations between the colonial cousins.

The Sydney terrorist massacre was perpetrated by a father-son duo, Sajid Akram, a 50-year-old Indian national from Hyderabad, and his 24-year-old Australian-born son Naveed. Sajid was shot dead by the police. Naveed now faces multiple charges. To my mind, however, the news coverage and analysis that followed were far from satisfactory. How is it that this father-son pair of killers carried out such a massacre without the state agencies intervening? Worse, how is that even after being disarmed so bravely and spectacularly by Ahmed al-Ahmed, Sajid was allowed to return to the bridge, join his son, rearm, and even kill a Jewish senior who threw a brick at him?

Where were the police? Was there a laxity, if not intelligence failure? After all, the Akrams were already under state scrutiny if not surveillance. Surely, the attack is only the tip of an iceberg. There is likely a bigger group, with an international network and support system, behind the attack. The Philippine authorities have denied that Davao City, where the Akrams visited for nearly a month this November, had a role to play.

But we know that Mindanao, at the Muslim-majority southern tip of the island nation, has been a hotbed of Islamist radicalism for decades. Secessionist movements led by groups like the Moro National Liberation Front and Moro Islamic Liberation Front have waged a war of insurgency, with splinter factions like the Abu Sayyaf Group, and later, Al Qaeda and Islamic State modules, trying to take control. The death toll over the last 50 years is estimated to exceed 1.5 lakh.

Does the Indian angle, with father Sajid being an Indian national from Hyderabad, suggest that not just Pakistan, but India too is a breeding ground for international Islamist extremism? Closer, in India's own neighbourhood, the recrudescence of Islamist violence in Pakistan and Bangladesh are a daily reality. The Indian high commission in Dhaka has been under siege recently, with the authorities there allegedly preferring to look the other way.

Targeting a Jewish community event, that too during a major festival, invites the

Failure to call out the resurgence in Islamist violence isn't helping. Recent incidents in Australia and Bangladesh aren't linked, but there's a common reluctance to confront the threat head-on

DHAKA TO SYDNEY, A MISSING LINK IN TERROR NARRATIVE

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SOURAV ROY

obvious and easy labeling of 'antisemitism'. However, such framing risks obscuring the deeper ideological driver: global jihadism. Australian authorities, including Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, have acknowledged the suspects were "driven by Islamic State ideology".

Why, then, has the largely liberal Western media hesitated to label the massacre as Islamist terrorism? Part of the answer may lie in ideological sensitivities, particularly in progressive circles wary of stigmatising communities. Albanese's Labor government, while condemning the act as a "radical perversion of Islam", has emphasised community cohesion over blunt confrontation of jihadist ideology. Critics argue that such an approach softens and whitewashes the threat. If doc-

tors themselves are afraid to name a disease, how can they ever hope to cure it?

More troubling are operational questions about the attack itself. How did this duo, despite Naveed being on the radar of security agencies, acquire licensed firearms? Eyewitness accounts and footage show a brave couple, Boris and Sofia Gurman, confronting Sajid early in the rampage. They were shot and died in each other's arms. A New Zealander also helped tackle one of the gunmen on the bridge. Yet, the attackers pressed on, suggesting gaps in immediate containment by the police.

Sajid Akram, who migrated to Australia decades ago, left behind family in Hyderabad who claim ignorance of his radicalisation. But if an individual from India's Muslim community can embrace

WHAT OUR SEARCHES TELL ABOUT US

MADHAVAN NARAYANAN

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REVERSE SWING

blessed by gods and tourists alike.

Searches related to the demise of Bollywood star Dharmendra showed that nostalgia is not entirely out of fashion for Gen Z. The tragic death of Assamese musician Zubeen Garg showed that regional heroes can become national ones when they spark rage and evoke curiosity over a mysterious tragedy.



X.COM

Search trends indicate that Indians have been besotted with AI-generated images after the much-loved style of the Japanese animation studio, Ghibli. AI models themselves were looked up more than Indian internet users' usual obsession with ABCD: astrology, Bollywood, cricket and devotion

Search trends for 2024, too, confirmed the ABCD obsession, with the T20 World Cup scoring high. The Olympic Games stood out. Interest in gender-based topics is understandably growing as women make it big everywhere to loud online cheers. If Jemimah was this year's darling, the feisty Vinesh Phogat, whose Olympic wrestling matched her domestic bouts against sexual harassment, was the female sporting hero of 2024.

You could say elections are India's most popular spectator sport after cricket. And in the election year of 2024, the BJP was clearly a search favourite, followed by the Congress. One standout interest of the year was industrialist icon Ratan Tata, whose passing sparked a wider curiosity.

Small shifts in your thinking and small changes in your energy can lead to massive alterations of your end result

Kevin Michel

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violent jihadism abroad, what does it say of undetected extremist undercurrents within India itself?

Traditionally, Islamist militancy in South Asia has been more associated with Pakistan-based groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed. But one cannot rule out their tentacles reaching deep within our country. Should India's domestic counter-terrorism efforts be stepped up? Or is the Akram case a product of diaspora radicalisation rather than a direct export from India?

Closer home, the recurrence of Islamist violence in our neighbourhood demands scrutiny. In Pakistan, militant groups continue to operate with varying degrees of impunity. In Bangladesh, the post-2024 political upheaval following Sheikh Hasina's ouster has unleashed a wave of Islamist assertiveness and radicalism.

The interim government under Muhammad Yunus has faced accusations of leniency toward radicals, with far-right groups like Khilafat Majlis organising protests and marches toward the Indian mission in Dhaka. Escalating violence against Hindu minorities, with 250 incidents reported in early 2025 alone, not to mention open threats from outfits like Hizb ut-Tahrir, signal a dangerous shift toward Islamisation, even demanding the establishment of a new caliphate. Anti-India sentiment, fuelled by jihadist propaganda, has boiled over in demonstrations, effectively placing Indian diplomatic missions under siege.

What connects Bangladesh to Bondi? Though no direct evidence is palpable immediately, it is the resurfacing of global jihadism that is the real red flag. While online claims attempting to tie the attackers to Pakistan have been debunked, the missing link is the global resurgence of Islamic State ideology, behind which, arguably, is the Muslim Brotherhood, some of whose chapters have been recently designated as terrorist organisations by the US.

Despite territorial defeats, the Islamic State claimed responsibility for thousands of deaths worldwide in 2024-25, leveraging online propaganda to radicalise individuals far from its core bases. But ideology alone doesn't inspire people to kill. Networks of funding, logistics, and rogue state support are essential. Why isn't international media focusing on this?

The reluctance to confront Islamist terrorism head-on, coupled with regional tolerance for extremists and intelligence failures, connects the Dhaka violence to the Sydney massacre. The true missing link is not conspiracy, but complacency in facing the persistent threat of global jihadism.

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MAIL BAG

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Perverted messaging

Ref: *Nitish's impropriety* (Dec 19). The Bihar CM's action is shocking beyond words. What message was he trying to convey? Was he drunk—if not with spirits, then with fame after winning the election? The woman doctor would have been justified had she reacted with a slap.
Venkatlaxman Saride, Visakhapatnam

Legacy blemish

The 74-year-old leader's action was a blatant violation. It will leave an everlasting impression on Nitish Kumar's political legacy. An earlier video has now surfaced where he is seen garlanding a woman when urged otherwise. A public apology is advisable.
Nadeem Asim, Dhakiya

Violating rights

Ref: *'Pak zindabad' slogans* (Dec 19). This action overlooks a key legal point. The Supreme Court in *Kedar Nath Singh* (1962) and *Balwant Singh* (1995) ruled that speech is punishable only if it incites violence or public disorder. Slogans alone do not qualify. With Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code (sedition) kept in abeyance by the Supreme Court in 2022, criminal action without proof of incitement risks violating Article 19(1)(a).
Anjita Das, Bengaluru

Speech curbs

Ref: *Karnataka assembly passes hate speech Bill* (Dec 19). The Bill, though meant to curb offensive remarks, raises serious concerns. Vague definitions give the authorities wide discretion, increasing the risk of misuse. Without clear safeguards and strict judicial oversight, the law could curb free speech.
N Sadhasiva Reddy, Bengaluru

Oman option

Ref: *Another FTA in bag* (Dec 19). With India struggling to strike a trade deal with the US and losing a large part of the American market, the Oman deal for duty-free export access is welcome. India has rightly pulled a low-hanging fruit with this win-win deal for both nations.
NR Nagarajan, Sivakasi

Educational balance

Ref: *New education Bill* (Dec 18). State universities need space to respond to local needs, not uniform templates. Clear safeguards, transparent funding rules, and genuine consultation can help balance efficiency with autonomy.
A Myilsami, Coimbatore

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THREE bullets were pumped into the chest of the Mahatma in 1948. In Dec 2025 it took three days to rush this Bill in Parliament. This is the second assassination of the Mahatma



Supriya Shrinete @SupriyaShrinete
When the rural employment bill was passed in 2005, there were slogans of 'Long live employment guarantee.' Today, however, disappointment looms in the House



Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
Mamata Banerjee is yet to arrest these leaders for making repeated anti-Hindu statements in public. She does not even condemn such statements.

Legacy of Mahatma Gandhi became the biggest flashpoint in both Houses • Unlike earlier, govt engaged Oppn on Vande Mataram, didn't rush with agendas

Stormy session marred by vaping & shouting match

PREETHA NAIR & PARVEZ SULTAN
@ New Delhi

THE winter session of Parliament, one of the shortest in recent Parliament history, came to a close on Friday. The 19-day-long stormy session saw the passage of crucial bills, including one to repeal the 20-year-old MGNREGA and another on opening up the civil nuclear sector for private participation.

While Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha functioned for a total of about 92 hours, their productivity stood at 121% and 111% respectively. As soon as the Lower House met for the day, Speaker Om Birla read out his brief valedictory address and adjourned the House sine die drawing curtains on the brief session that began on December 1.

When Birla was reading out his valedictory statement, some members were heard raising "Mahatma Gandhi ki jai" slogans. PM Narendra Modi was present when the proceedings were adjourned. Meanwhile, Rajya Sabha Chairman CP Radhakrishnan termed the conduct "unbecoming of MPs", and urged them to refrain from such behaviour in future.

Both Houses witnessed unprecedented scenes during the passage of the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajevika Mission (Gramin) Bill, with Opposition members raising slogans, tearing copies of the legislation, and standing on

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HOUSE WRAP

MAJOR DEBATES- 150 YEARS OF VANDE MATARAM AND ELECTORAL REFORMS

Lok Sabha passed eight bills, Rajya Sabha passed or returned eight Bills, adopted a statutory resolution on the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 2024, with participation from 212 members

MAJOR BILLS

Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhistan Bill, SHANTI Bill, Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha Bill, Repealing and Amending Bill, Manipur Goods and Services Tax (2nd Amendment) Bill, Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, Health Security se National Security Cess Bill

tables despite repeated appeals for order.

The other key takeaways include the two politically-charged debates — one on the 150 years of Vande Matram and the other on electoral reforms. The Opposition had been insisting on a debate on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voter list in 12 states and Union Territories, but the government made it clear that the poll panel and its functioning cannot be discussed in the House, and agreed to hold a debate on election reforms instead.

With LoP Rahul Gandhi leading the attack in the Lower House, the issue was discussed for 13 hours, with the participation of 63 MPs. The Opposition, however, trained its gun on the government on SIR, the new law on the appointment of the

chief election commissioner and election commissioners, and the "vote chori" allegations. The PM had initiated a discussion to commemorate the completion of 150 years of the national song.

Another crucial bill to set up a higher education regulator — the Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhistan Bill, 2025 — was referred to a joint committee of the two Houses amid objections by the Opposition.

The Lok Sabha also passed a bill to raise foreign direct investment (FDI) in the insurance sector to 100% from the current 74%.

The Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Bill, 2025, was cleared by the Rajya Sabha with a voice vote, a day after it was passed by the Lok Sabha.

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

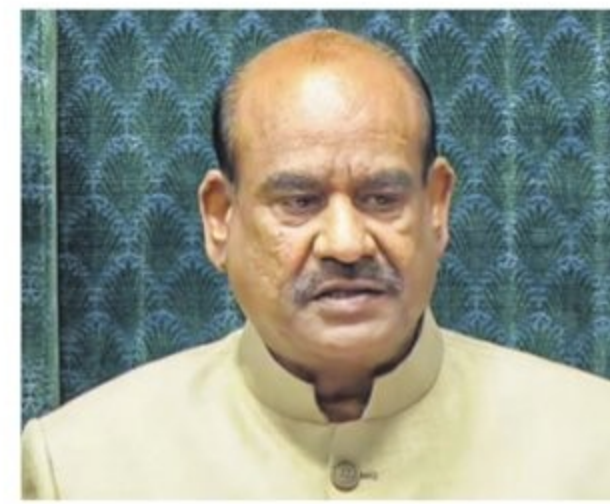
LOK Sabha Speaker Om Birla is learnt to be examining a notice by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey alleging breach of privilege and contempt by eight Opposition members when the House was debating the VB-G RAM G Bill on Thursday.

Citing House rules, Dubey on Thursday submitted a notice for breach of privilege and contempt of the House against eight Opposition MPs for "contemptuous and unbecoming" behaviour. The passage of the bill witnessed chaotic scenes in Lok Sabha, with Opposition mem-

bers raising slogans, tearing copies of the legislation, and standing on tables while holding posters of Mahatma Gandhi aloft, despite repeated appeals for order by Speaker Om Birla.

The VB-G Ram G Bill that replaces the two-decade-old Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee (MGNREGA) guarantees 125 days of wage employment for rural households in a financial year, with the government earmarking ₹95,000 crore.

Moving the bill for passage after a nearly eight-hour-long debate, Union Minister for Rural Development Shivraj Singh



Chouhan mounted a strong defence of the government's move, insisting that the legislation did not dilute Gandhi's ideals.

As the minister was speaking, the Opposition MPs trooped to the well of the House, raising

slogans against the government for dropping Mahatma Gandhi's name from the rural jobs initiative and tearing copies of the Bill and flinging it towards the chair. However, Chouhan hit out at the Congress for "insulting" Mahatma Gandhi and "killing" his ideals time and again. Congress MPs Shafi Parambil, Dean Kuriakose, Hibi Eden and DMK MPs stood on the table and resorted to sloganeering in the well of the House.

In his notice, Dubey named Hibi Eden, Dean Kuriakose, S Murasoli, K Gopinath, Sashikant Senthil, Shafi Parambil, S Venkatesan and Jothimani.

POWER CORRIDOR

DEBATE ON POLLUTION STALLED AS HOUSE ADJOURNED

As Parliament adjourned sine die on Friday, a political blame game erupted with the ruling BJP accusing the opposition of "stalling" the debate in Parliament on air pollution in Delhi-NCR. Though the Lok Sabha was scheduled to hold a debate on pollution on Thursday, it did not take place after Speaker Om Birla adjourned the House after the passage of the VB-RAM G Bill. Shifting the blame on the opposition, the government on Friday accused the opposition of "stalling" the debate in Parliament saying some of the MPs have shown "unacceptable behaviour" during the debate on the rural jobs guarantee bill.



Union MoS for Environment Kirti Vardhan Singh interacts with Congress MP Deepender Singh Hooda during the winter session of Parliament on Friday | pmi

CONG KEEPS G-RAM-G PLAN FOR CWC MEET

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Congress on Friday said it will strongly oppose any move to scrap MGNREGA, with Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi accusing the Modi government of dismantling the rights-based law. The party said its working committee will discuss the future strategy on the issue on December 27.

Reacting to the newly passed VB-G RAM G Bill, Gandhi wrote on X, "Last night, the Modi government demolished twenty years of MGNREGA in one day. VB-G RAM G isn't a 'revamp' of MGNREGA. It demolishes the rights-based, demand-driven guarantee and

turns it into a rationed scheme which is controlled from Delhi."

Parliament passed the legislation after a debate that went past midnight in the Rajya Sabha. Gandhi said the government's aim was to "weaken labour" and "break the bargaining power rural workers gained through MGNREGA. He said the scheme reduced distress migration, raised wages and proved vital during Covid. Calling it one of the world's most successful poverty alleviation programmes, Gandhi said, "We will not let this government destroy the rural poor's last line of defence."



Bureau of Port Security for vessels, ports soon

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday convened a high-level meeting to review the security of vessels and port facilities across the country and initiate the constitution of a dedicated Bureau of Port Security (BoPS) to enhance the security of coastal logistic hubs, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said in an official statement.

The proposed Bureau of Port Security will be established as a statutory body under Section 13 of the newly promulgated Merchant Shipping Act, 2025, it said, adding that the body will function under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and will be responsible for regulatory oversight and coordination related to the security of ships and port infrastructure.

"Chairing the meeting, Shah stressed upon the need for a robust and future-ready port security framework and directed that security measures be implemented in a graded and risk-based manner," the MHA said, while noting that he also said that the framework should factor in vulnerabilities, trade po-

Dedicated bureau to be headed by IPS officer

The Bureau of Port Security (BoPS) will be headed by a Director General of the rank of an IPS officer in the pay matrix of Level-15 and will be modeled on the lines of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), the MHA said, adding that during the preliminary phase of one year, the Director General of Shipping would function as the Director General of the Bureau of Port Security.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah, chairs a meeting for the constitution of a dedicated body, the Bureau of Port Security (BoPS) | pmi

tential, geographical location and other relevant parameters to ensure effective protection of critical maritime assets.

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According to the MHA, the new body will focus on timely analysis, collection and exchange of security-related information, with special emphasis on cyber security. A

dedicated division will be created within the Bureau to protect port-related IT infrastructure from emerging digital threats, it added.

As part of the revamped security framework, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has been designated as a Recognised Security Organisation for port facilities and the force will be responsible for conducting security assessments and preparing security plans for ports across the country.

The CISF has also been tasked with training and capacity building of Private Security Agencies deployed at ports, while these agencies will be certified and regulatory measures will be introduced to ensure that only licensed and trained private security providers operate in the port security ecosystem.

The meeting was attended by the Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and the Minister of Civil Aviation. The MHA said lessons drawn from the strengthened maritime security framework would also be leveraged to further improve security mechanisms in the aviation sector.

Jaishankar says India-EU FTA reaches decisive phase

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

INDIA and the Netherlands on Friday agreed to deepen cooperation in emerging strategic domains such as semiconductors, digital technology and cyberspace, while also stepping up defence and security engagement, as External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar pressed for Dutch support to conclude the India-European Union free trade agreement (FTA).

During talks with his Dutch counterpart David van Weel, Jaishankar said the relationship, traditionally strong in areas such as agriculture, health, science and shipping, was ready for a more ambitious phase. "Whether it is semiconductors, digital, cyberspace or life sciences, we would like to work more closely with you," he said.

With India and the EU in the final stages of negotiating a trade pact expected to be signed in January, Jaishankar added, "We count on your support as we are moving to what I hope is



Defence and security cooperation in focus

The Dutch minister's visit also focused on strengthening defence and security cooperation. He held meetings with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, and the two sides concluded a letter of intent on Thursday to provide a framework for defence cooperation.

a decisive phase in our negotiations with the EU on the free trade agreement."

Van Weel, who began his India visit in Mumbai on Wednesday, said he was not aware of any "big sticking points" that could delay the deal. At the same time, he acknowledged the complexity of the talks.

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Regional stability and the Indo-Pacific featured prominently in the discussions. Van Weel said cooperation was crucial at a time when there is "pressure on the openness of the oceans and on adherence to UNCLOS".

Dutch Prime Minister Dick Schoof is expected to visit India in February for the AI Impact Summit in New Delhi, and the Netherlands reiterated its invitation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit, signalling momentum in the bilateral ties.

Pak claims concerned over 'abrupt variance' in flow of Indus River basin

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

PAKISTAN has expressed concern over what it called sudden changes in the flow of the Chenab river of Indus basin between December 7 and 15, accusing India of releasing water without warning in violation of the Indus Waters Treaty that New Delhi suspended after the Pahalgal terror attack.

Islamabad lodged a complaint with India's foreign office regarding water disputes. India has not responded yet.

Addressing a gathering of foreign diplomats on Friday, Pakistan's foreign minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar said their water treaty commissioner has officially communicated to his Indian counterpart about "significant inconsistencies" in the flow of the Chenab. The letter highlighted "unusual, abrupt variations" in water flow and their potential impact on water management and agricultural



Indus Waters Treaty

Pakistan was allocated the waters of three western-flowing rivers—Jhelum, Chenab, and Indus — while India gained absolute control over the waters of the eastern rivers—Satluj, Beas, and Ravi.

practices in the region.

Dar sought clarification from India under IWT's procedures. However, the treaty has been put on hold after the Pahalgal terror attack, which prompted India to conduct 'Operation Sindoor' targeting ter-

rorist camps in Pakistan.

Despite suspension of the treaty, India made goodwill gestures by informing Pakistan about flood-induced disasters through its foreign office during monsoon instead of via the IWT Commissioner.

Under the treaty, Pakistan was allocated the waters of three western-flowing rivers—Jhelum, Chenab, and Indus — while India gained absolute control over the waters of the eastern rivers—Satluj, Beas, and Ravi. The western rivers together provide 80 million acre-feet (MAF) of water, of which India can use only up to 3.6 MAF for irrigation, drinking water supply, navigation, and hydropower generation, without altering the course of the rivers.

After the terror attack, India's jalshakti ministry sent a letter to Pakistan water resources secretary Syed Ali Murtza, citing reassessment of obligations under IWT.

SC special sitting on Dec 22 for urgent cases: CJI

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

THE Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant said on Friday that while the winter vacation formally begins on December 20, the Supreme Court would hold a special sitting on December 22, to hear genuinely urgent matters.

"All those who are in the queue today, seeking listing, will you argue on Monday? We are ready to sit on Monday," CJI Kant said.

On Friday, a three-judge bench of the CJI, Justices Joy-malya Bagchi and Vipul M Pandhori, said, "We will sit on Monday to hear the urgency in matters," the CJI said.

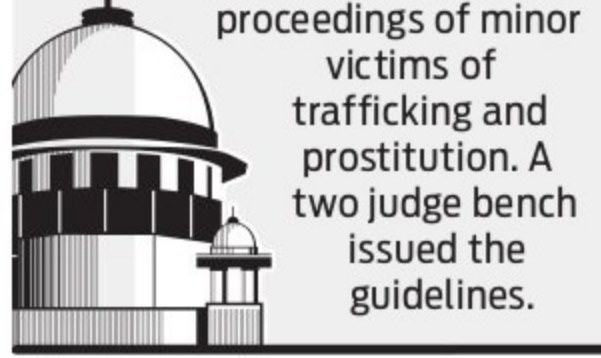
He also clarified that the court was not going to burden other judges, who have to study case files late at night to hear new cases. "I will not bother any other bench," the CJI said, adding that the registry will find out the urgency and list the matter accordingly.

CJI Kant also clarified that the decision on whether one or

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Child trafficking a disturbing reality: SC

Terming child trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation a "deeply disturbing reality", the SC on Friday, laid down guidelines on how courts must be sensible and sensitively adhere to the evidence and testimony, while conducting court proceedings of minor victims of trafficking and prostitution. A two judge bench issued the guidelines.



more benches would sit on December 22, would depend on the number of genuinely urgent matters received.

The observations were made during oral mentioning of cases by lawyers seeking urgent listing on the last working day before the winter vacation.

The Chief Justice added that

no fresh matters would be listed for hearing on Friday itself, citing the heavy workload already borne by judges.

"There has been massive filing this week. The hon'ble judges have spent the entire night reading briefs. I am not going to ask them to read a new brief today," the CJI said, refusing to permit same-day listings.

He said that matters would be listed on December 22 only if counsels were willing to argue them on that day. "Whenever you give an urgent memo, we will find out if there is an actual urgency and list on Monday. The only condition is that you will have to argue on Monday," he added.

The Chief Justice further stated that the number of benches would be decided after assessing the volume of such cases on December 22.

On Friday, the Bench had observed that many of them did not disclose any pressing urgency. "These matters can wait till January or even April 2026," the court remarked.

'Passport authority can't seek travel plan for renewal'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

NOTING that "liberty in our constitutional scheme is not a gift of the State but its first obligation", the Supreme Court in its order held that passport authority was not required to demand a schedule of future journeys or visas at renewal stage.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and A G Masih said the task of the passport authority is only to see whether, despite pending proceedings, the criminal courts have chosen to keep the possibility of travel open under their supervision.

"The freedom of a citizen to move, to travel, to pursue livelihood and opportunity, subject to law, is an essential part of the guarantee under Article 21 of the Constitution of India," the bench said.

State election body covers 100% voters in the revision exercise

73.73L names deleted from Gujarat draft roll...

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

MORE than 73.73 lakh voter names have been deleted from Gujarat's draft electoral roll published on Wednesday following the completion of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR). Election officials said 100 percent voter enumeration has been completed, opening a one-month window for objections till January 18, 2026.

After the revision exercise, Gujarat now has 4,34,70,109 registered voters, down from 5,08,43,436 before the SIR began. Officials said the deletions followed extensive door-to-door physical verification and document checks, aimed at removing duplicate, outdated and invalid entries from the electoral database. Chief Electoral Officer Harit Shukla said the exercise was completed "with-in a fixed timeline through co-ordinated teamwork at every administrative level". He said the revision involved 33 District Election Officers, 182 Voter Registration Officers, 855 Assistant Voter Registration Officers, 50,963 BLOs, 54,443 BLAs and 30,833 volunteers.

"The active cooperation of voters, political parties, the media and civil society made it possible to complete this massive exercise on time," Shukla said.



Voters can file objections or seek inclusion till Jan 18

District- and constituency-wise lists of voters whose forms were not received were uploaded online. Verification of 10.69 lakh ASD (Absent, Shifted, Dead) cases has been completed. Voters whose names are missing or wrongly included can file objections or seek inclusion till January 18, 2026, after which all claims will be verified & disposed of.

According to election officials, the draft roll now contains 4.34 crore voters, while 73.73 lakh names were removed during the revision. A category-wise breakup shows that 18,07,278 names belonged to deceased voters, 9,69,662 to absent voters, 40,25,553 to permanently migrated voters, 3,81,470 to voters registered at two places, and 1,89,364 to other categories.

The official press note said that despite wide publicity and repeated visits by BLOs, many

voters could not be traced or failed to submit enumeration forms. "In several cases, voters had shifted permanently, registered elsewhere, were deceased, or chose not to remain on the voter list," it said.

Over 5.08 crore enumeration forms were distributed and fully digitised within the stipulated timeframe. BLOs and booth-level agents of political parties met to cross-verify cases linked to death, migration and prolonged absence.

First phase of SIR over, draft of electoral rolls to be out on Dec 23

... In MP, 41.80L set to be removed from voter list

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

MORE than 41.80 lakh voter names have been identified for deletion from the electoral rolls across Madhya Pradesh after the completion of the first phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the 2025 voter list, election officials said.

The exercise covered all 230 assembly constituencies across 55 districts. The outcome of the revision will be reflected in the preliminary draft of the electoral roll, scheduled for publication on December 23.

The SIR was undertaken to clean and update the voter list of over 5.74 crore registered voters ahead of future elections. The first phase, which involved door-to-door enumeration and verification, concluded late Thursday night.

The 41.80 lakh names marked for deletion account for over 7.28% of the total electorate. The largest category consists of 22.5 lakh voters who have permanently shifted from their registered addresses, forming nearly 45% of the voter base.

Another significant portion comprises absent and deceased voters, with 8.40 lakh names in each category. Together, they account for roughly three percent of the state's voters. In addition, over 2.5 lakh voters, or 0.43 percent, were found to be duplicate



Discrepancies found in over nine lakh cases

The SIR was undertaken to clean and update the voter list of over 5.74 crore registered voters ahead of future elections. The EC is moving ahead with the process of deletion, correction, and verification. The first draft electoral roll will be released on December 23. Officials added that discrepancies between current voter details and the 2003 base records were found in about nine lakh cases.

entries, with names appearing at more than one address.

Indore district recorded the highest number of proposed deletions. Of its total 28.67 lakh voters, more than 4.40 lakh names are set to be removed. Bhopal followed closely, with around 4.30 lakh deletions from its 21.25 lakh-plus voters. Gwalior ranked third, with over 2.50 lakh names marked for deletion, while Jabalpur stood fourth with more than 2.40 lakh voters to be removed from

the list. In percentage terms, Bhopal will see the highest impact, with nearly 20% of its voter names facing deletion. Indore and Gwalior will see about 15% each, while Jabalpur will see around 12% deletions.

Explaining the next steps, Joint Chief Electoral Officer Ram Pratap Singh Jadaun said, "The EC is moving ahead with the process of deletion, correction, and verification. The first draft electoral roll will be released on December 23."

PM to inaugurate nature-themed terminal in Assam

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will embark on a two-day visit to Assam on Saturday, during which he will inaugurate and lay the foundation stones for projects worth ₹15,600 crore.

He will inaugurate the new terminal building of the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport in Guwahati on Saturday, marking a milestone in Assam's connectivity, economic expansion and global engagement. Spread over nearly 1.4 lakh square metres, the building is designed to handle up to 1.3 crore passengers annually, supported by major upgrades to the runway, airfield systems, aprons and taxiways.

Notably, it is India's first ever nature-themed airport terminal. Its design draws inspiration from Assam's biodiversity and cultural heritage.

On Sunday, the PM will visit the Swahid Smarak Kshetra to pay homage to the martyrs of the historic Assam Movement, a six-year-long people's movement that embodied the collective resolve for a foreigner-free Assam and the protection of the state's identity. Later that day, Modi will visit Namrup in Dibrugarh district for the 'Bhoomi Pujan' of the Ammonia-Urea Fertiliser Project

DGP seeks Bahraich SP reply for giving 'guard of honour' to preacher

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

FOLLOWING the reports and videos of UP Police recruits giving a "guard of honour" to a kathavachak (religious preacher) in Bahraich going viral on social media platforms, DGP Rajeev Krishna on Friday sought an explanation from the district superintendent of police "for unauthorised use of the police parade ground".

"It has been clarified that the police parade ground must be used strictly in accordance with prescribed norms, solely for police training, discipline, and official ceremonies. In view of the violation of these prescribed norms, an explanation has been sought from the SP concerned," the UP Police said in a post.

On Thursday, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and Azad Samaj Party president and MP Chandrashekhar had reacted sharply over a 'kathavachak' being given a "red-carpet welcome, parade, and salute" by the cops.

Bahraich police said Acharya Pundreek Goswami was invited for counselling, holding meditation and yoga workshops for recruits since 28 of

Viral video sparks row

Viral videos show the preacher being welcomed by Bahraich SP RN Singh and other cops with a red carpet laid before him. The video reportedly showed Goswami accepting a salute from the recruits, with the SP beside him.

They had resigned citing depression caused by rigorous mental and physical stress while going through training.

The Bahraich police authorities have claimed that Goswami's discourse was "helpful" as it "relieved the recruits from stress, and helped them building their confidence and devotion towards duty".

The purported videos showed the preacher being welcomed by Bahraich SP RN Singh and other policemen with a red carpet laid before him. The video showed Goswami accepting a salute from the recruits with the SP standing beside him.

Akhilesh Yadav said, "The government is busy in a game of salute amid rampant crime and flourishing mafia rule. Is someone taking cognisance?"

Azad called the incident an attack on the Constitution.



Manjhi 'clears the air' in video, says managed to swing votes via DM

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

A video claiming to show Union minister and Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM) leader Jitan Ram Manjhi speaking about influencing an election result went viral on Friday, sparking an uproar among opposition parties. After the furore, Manjhi claimed the video had been tampered with and accused his political opponents of trying to malign him.

In the video, Manjhi is heard addressing a public gathering in Magahi, a local dialect, and is allegedly heard saying that he helped secure a candidate's victory in the 2020 Bihar Assembly elections by speaking to the then district magistrate.

He says the candidate was trailing by 2,600 votes but went on to win after his intervention. "This time, the candidate lost by 1,600 votes, but he wasn't informed," Manjhi adds in the



clip. The official margin of victory does not match Manjhi's claim. The remarks were reportedly made during a programme in Mohanpur block of the Barachatti Assembly constituency. In the video, Manjhi also refers to the district magistrate involved, who is now reportedly posted in Tripura.

Manjhi denied having said such things. "Some people, who tampered with one of my videos to make it go viral, think they can defame the son of a

Musahar," he said. "I want to tell such people that no one can either insult the son of a Musahar or fool him now. Those who spit at the sky are forgetting that the spit will fall back on their own face. Now Manjhi has become a brand—no longer afraid of anyone."

The RJD shared the video on social media and accused Manjhi of openly admitting to electoral manipulation. "This is Jitan Ram Manjhi, a cabinet minister in the Government of India, former chief minister of Bihar, and patron of the HAM party. He is openly revealing the royal formula for winning elections through manipulation of results, machinery, and rigging," the party said.

The RJD also claimed that Manjhi was expressing regret over his party's defeat in the Tekari Assembly constituency and questioned the role of constitutional authorities.

Meet to revive tourism as J&K situation is normal

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

TO restore confidence among travellers to visit Kashmir again after 26 people were killed in the Pahalgam attack, the Adventure Tour Operators Association of India (ATOAI) held its three-day annual convention in Srinagar to send a clear message that Kashmir is safe and normal.

Describing J&K as a "jewel" in the crown of India's tourism, the association said everything is back to normal, and called for steadily reopening of all tourism destinations closed after the attack. About 250 members of the association from across the country attended the convention that started on Wednesday. They held interaction and business-to-business (B2B) sessions with local adventure operators, hoteliers, and other tourism stakeholders.

The convention assumes special significance as it was the first major tourism-related event held in Kashmir after the April 22 terror attack. "We had a great convention and enjoyed the Valley's exceptional hospitality. We have had a wonderful time here," said ATOAI chief Ajeet Bajaj. The convention was inaugurated by CM Omar Abdullah with to promote adventure tourism.



Fresh push amid lull

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Medical student from Valley missing in Russia

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A 21-year old man from Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, Gaurav Singh Nag, who was studying MBBS in Russia, has gone missing since December 10. His disappearance has triggered concern among his family back home and they have sought the Centre's intervention in tracing him.

Gaurav, along with his younger sister, was studying MBBS at Yaroslav-the-Wise Novgorod State University (NovSU) in Veliky Novgorod, Russia. According to the family, Gaurav was studying MBBS in Russia for the last three years and never reported any problems.

"There has been no trace of him since December 10. He left



his hostel room in the evening without telling anything to his roommate and has not returned since," said his mother.

The family, she said, came to know about his disappearance the following day, after Gaurav's sister informed them

that he was missing. "She was told by Gaurav's roommate that they had searched for him but to no avail". He had left his identity card, mobile and wallet in the hostel room and took the bank card with him," his mother said.

Gaurav and his sister were residing in the same complex. His mother has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and the MEA to take it up with the Russian government.



MUKESH RANJAN
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in Jharkhand

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J'khand lifts Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy

The Jharkhand cricket team, led by Ishan Kishan, has created history by lifting Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. It defeated Haryana by 69 runs to win the prestigious domestic T-20 tournament for the first time. Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Friday met the team members, who made history by winning the Trophy. Soren congratulated all the players, support staff and the Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) on the historic win. Soren said that by winning the Syed Mushtaq Ali T-20 cricket tournament, Jharkhand has created a new record in domestic cricket. This is an achievement and a moment of pride for the entire state.



Vulture conservation centre in state

Jharkhand is set to get its first Vulture Conservation and Breeding Centre, marking a significant step towards protecting its country's rapidly declining vulture population. Located at Muta, about 36 km from Ranchi, the facility, is expected to become operational soon, offering renewed hope for the critically endangered species. According to officials, the state government has approved a proposal by the forest department to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), which will provide technical expertise for running the centre. The project was originally sanctioned by the Centre in 2009 with the objective of reviving the vulture population in the state.

Soren to visit Australia to study rehab practices

Chief Minister Hemant Soren is planning a visit to Australia to study post-mining rehabilitation practices, with special emphasis on tribal regions. The proposed visit follows an official invitation from the Australian Ambassador, who recently met Soren at his residence. During his visit, the Chief Minister will focus on the living conditions of indigenous communities displaced by mining activities and closely examine Australia's rehabilitation frameworks in mining-affected areas. He is also expected to study initiatives aimed at the socio-economic uplift of indigenous populations, including welfare programmes and empowerment measures.

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II, AT BENGALURU

Government of India, Ministry of Finance,
Department of Financial Services
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II, Karnataka
(Bengaluru), 4th Floor, Telephone House,
Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
O.A.No.2032/2020

BETWEEN : CANARA BANK ...Applicant and

1. Mr. Annaiah S/o. Narasimhaiah, No. 67, Sai Sadan, 1st main Road, Hoysala Nagar, Ramaiah Layout, Bengaluru - 560 016.

2. Sri Udaya Kumra, S/o Narsimhaiah, No. 67, Sai Sadan, 1st main Road, Hoysala Nagar, Ramaiah Layout, Bangengaluru - 560 016. ...**Defendants**

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **INR.2,04,64,181/-** (Rupees Two Core Four Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand One Hundred Eighty One Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

The above Defendants are therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorised agents in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on before **22.01.2026 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal, on this **04.12.2025**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large are hereby informed that Our Client Mr.Karthik Srinivas S/o Kumaresa Srinivasan, aged about 28 years, residing at No.662, 5th 'A' Main, 6th Cross, HAL 3rd Stage, Bangalore North - 560075, had entered into an Agreement for Sale dated 11/12/2025 with Mr.K.J. Ramachandra Panicker, S/o S. Parameswara Panicker, aged about 80 years, and Others., residing at No.1913, 8th 'A' Cross, 4th Main, Opposite BDA Children's Park, New Thippasandra, HAL 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560075, for purchasing the immovable property morefully described hereunder the Schedule for a lawful sale consideration.

It is informed to the public at large that if anybody is having any objection in this regard, may submit their objection to the below mentioned address, within seven days from the date of this publication.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Site No.1328/1913, E-PID No.1677099 035, in HAL 3rd Stage, Ward No.88, Jeevan Bheema Nagar Extension, measuring East to West 12.19 Mtrs., North to South 9.14 Mtrs., total measuring 111.48 Sq.Mtrs totally measuring 1200 Sq.Ft, alongwith building consisting Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor, measuring 2200 Sq Ft., together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on:- East by :Site No.1926, West by: Road, North by: Site No.1912, South by:Site No.1914.

M.G.C & Co.,
Advocates and Solicitors
No.66, 4th Cross, Xavier Layout, Bangalore - 560047
Email: mgcnco@hotmail.com
Mob: 9449400145, 9880580475
Place: Bangalore Date: 19.12.2025

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXX ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-43)

P & S. No. 515/2025
BETWEEN : SMT. SWATHI S. GURIKAR, W/o Abhishek N.S. D/o. Late N.S. Suresh, Aged about 31 years, Residing at #136, Ground Floor, 8th Main, 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, GKotaka, Mathikere, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 054. ...**PETITIONER**

AND:-NULL-RESPONDENT PUBLIC NOTICE (U/D 5 Rule 20 of CPC)
Whereas, the above named petitioner filed this petition under section 21B of the Indian Succession Act, to grant a Letter of Administration in favour of the petitioner, in respect of the Schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned Schedule property has been held by Late N.S. Suresh, S/o Late G.N. Subramanian father of the petitioner herein who expired on **27-10-2020** and also the petitioner is the only legal heir herein to succeed to his estate as his sole legal heir.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
A Residential Plot bearing No. R2 in 1st FLOOR, "HOLLA RESIDENCY" Property bearing Site No. 110, situated at AECs Layout Previously in Sy.Nos. 121, 123, 243, 244, 313, 321, 323, 324, 332, 352, 362, and 391 situated in Geddahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Corporation Ward No. 100, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore), and 324 Sq.Ft.(80.11 Sq.Mtrs) of undivided share in the schedule "A" property alongwith the building measuring 80 Sq.Ft. OR 82.71 Sq.Mtrs., of builtup area with the facility of Car Parking Space in Basement Floor. Bounded on:- East by :Site No. 110, West by: Site No. 119, North by :Site No. 111, South by :Site No. 109.
Given under my hand and seal of the court this the 22nd day of November, 2025.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristadar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Petitioner : SVSK Legal Associates
397, Ground Floor, 20th Cross, 1st & 3rd Block, Jayanagar East, Bengaluru - 560011.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE XLII ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BENGALURU (CCH-43)

IN ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 03/2025
BETWEEN: MRS. ASPIRE PROPERTIES A Proprietorship Firm, having its office at Flat No. 5.3, Sherada Apartment, No. 34, Coler Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore North, Bengaluru - 560005. Represented herein by its Proprietor **Mr. R Ajay Kumar** ...**APPLICANT**
AND: B.C. SUBRAMASH & OTHERS ...**RESPONDENTS**
SUBMISSIONS TO RESPONDENTS
To, 1. MR. B. C. SUBRAMASH, Aged about 67 years, Son of Mr. Chikka Siddappa, Residing at No. 400, 4th Block, 7th Cross, Karamangala Gate, Opposite Rajheja Residency, Bengaluru-560 034. ...**RESPONDENT NO. 1**
2. MRS. KS SHASHIKALA Aged about 58 years, Wife of Mr. B C Subash, Residing at No. 400, 4th Block, 7th Cross, Karamangala Gate, Opposite Rajheja Residency, Bengaluru - 560 034. ...**RESPONDENT NO. 2**

Whereas the Applicants above named have preferred the above Arbitration Application against you before the Hon'ble City Civil and Sessions Court, seeking relief of Temporary Injunction with respect to the Schedule Properties. Both of you are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court and XLII Addl. City Civil and Sessions Court (CCH-43) in person or through a pleader on the 14.01.2026 at 11.00 a.m. to answer the same, failing which the application will be heard and decided in your absence.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of immovable property being BDA property bearing BDA Site No. 400, New Municipal No. 400, BBMP Katha PID No.: 58-6-400, situated at Karamangala Layout, Extension, 4th Block, Bangalore, now comes under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No. 68, (Ejural), measuring East to West: 50 Feet & North to South: 81 Feet, all in totally measuring 4050 Sq. Ft., with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface along with the under-construction building being put up by the Applicant, as per the terms of the Joint Development Agreement dated 27.10.2021 as given below along with newly residential building constructed therein and bounded on: East By: Site No. 395, West By: Site No. 401, South By : Site No. 379, North By: Road.
Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Court, at Bengaluru on this 10 day of December, 2025.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristadar, Hon'ble XLII ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BENGALURU

ADVOCATE FOR APPLICANT: KASHYAP N NAIK
M/s Agras Legal, Advocate & Consultants., 2nd Floor, Shivashankar Plaza, No. 19, Lalbagh Road, Richmond Circle, Bangalore - 560 027

BEFORE THE LXXVIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH 85)

Com. OS No. 1812 of 2025
BETWEEN: M/s Celestium Financial Ltd. No. 28, Shudhapa Layout, Maru Nagar, Outer Ring Rd, Hegdepetta Hall, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560094 Represented by its authorised signatory, **Mr. Mahesh C. ...PLAINTIFF**
AND:- 1. Mr. Arjun B. A. Z. M/s. Kavya B. S. ...**DEFENDANTS**
Ms. Kavya B. S. No. 131, Ground Floor, 9th Main, Canara Bank Layout, Kodigehalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560092 2. **Ms. Kavya B. S. No. 131, Ground Floor, 9th Main, Canara Bank Layout, Kodigehalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560092** Also having address as: No. 1, Bangelade, Byanagar, Hosanagara, Shimoga, Karnataka-571425

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908
To, 1. Mr. Arjun B. A. Z. M/s. Kavya B. S.
Whereas the above-named Plaintiff has filed the above suit against the Defendants seeking recovery of Rs. 21,82,972/- (Rupees Twenty-One Lakhs Ninety-Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two Only) along with further interest at the agreed rate of 18% per annum from the date of filing of the suit until realisation. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court on 22.01.2026 at 11 A. M. in person or through a legal counsel, failing which the suit will proceed ex parte.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of land situated in Baise Village, Nagara Hobli, bearing Survey Number 105/2, measuring 33 Guntas (Guntas Thirty-Three Only), together with all rights, easements, and appurtenances whatsoever attached thereto or lying thereon, whether above or beneath the surface, to the said land.
Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 16th day of December, 2025.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristadar, Commercial Court Unit City Civil Court Bengaluru
Address of the Advocate for the Plaintiff: **Maya Law** 404, 4th Floor, Balaji Luxuria, 9th Cross, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560011

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that I, Ramya T, am the lawful owner of the residential property bearing Site No. 12, Property No. 793, Katha No. 188/793, situated at Munnekolala Village, LNR temple road, VarthurHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, having acquired the same under a Gift Deed registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Krishnarajapura, Bangalore I would like to inform that I have lost/missed the prior original Sale Deed No. BAS-1-27653, dated 3rd February 2005, executed by the previous owner Smt. Vasantha Harish in favour of Sri H. V. Rohith. The said document was lost in my residential locality as I had taken it for xerox purposes. Despite a thorough search, I was unable to trace the document. Hence, I have lodged a police complaint through an online Lost Article Report, bearing Report No. 1963890/2025, dated 18/12/2025. All persons are hereby informed not to deal with or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said missing document. If any person finds the missing document, they are requested to contact me at the address or mobile number mentioned below.

Ramya T D/o Thimmegowda No. 12, LNR Temple Street, Munekolala, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560037 Mob: 9844266315 Date: 19/12/2025

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(Signal & Telecommunication Workshop), Podanur
E-TENDER NOTICE No. SGW-S-203-SF-610660-25/1
Dated: 15.12.2025
For and on behalf of the President of India, The Chief Workshop Manager, Signal and Telecommunication Workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore - 641023, invites E-Tender for the following works as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in the portal www.reps.gov.in Tenderers / Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal www.reps.gov.in and only online tenders will be accepted. The Bid Security deposit should be made through online payment gateway or through available modes as mentioned in Tender document.

1. Name of work: Manufacture and supply of Safety fasteners for Protection Cover LH & RH of Ground Connection (220 mm Stroke) IRS Point Machine (Qty-3425 Sets).
2. Approximate cost of the work : ₹ 1,07,19,081.65/- Including GST @ 18%
3. Earnest Money to be Deposited : ₹ 2,03,600/-
4. Completion period of work : 90 days
6. Date and time of closing of tender : 15.00 Hrs of 31.12.2025
7. Website particulars : www.reps.gov.in

For further details, visit office of the Chief Workshop Manager, Signal and Telecommunication Workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore - 641023.
Chief Workshop Manager / S&T Workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore - 641 023



बैंक ऑफ बरोडा
Bank of Baroda

ROSARB, Regional Office, Bangalore (South), 4th Floor, Vijaya Towers, 41/2, M G Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560001. Phone No: 080-25584066, Extn: 441, 080-25011710, E-mail ID: SARBE@bankofbaroda.in, Website: www.bankofbaroda.in.

NOTICE TO BORROWER
(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

To,
(1) **Mr. Manjunath K S/o** Mr.Kabbalegowda, Residing At: No. 29/1, 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, 11th Block, Papareddypalya, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560072.
Dear Sir/s,
Re: Credit facilities with our Banashankari (BANASH) Branch.
1. We refer to letter no. NIL dated 19.06.2023 conveying sanction of various credit facilities and the terms of sanction. Pursuant to the above sanction, you have availed and started utilizing the credit facilities after providing security for the same, as hereinafter stated. The present outstanding in various loan/credit facility accounts and the security interests created for such liability are as under:

Nature and type of facility	Limit (Rs.) in lakhs	Rates of Interest	O/s as on (inclusive of interest up to)	Security agreement with brief description of securities (please mention the details of security agreements and details of mortgaged property including total area and boundaries)
1. Baroda Home Loan 27710600 003725	46.80	7.95% + 2% penal interest compounded monthly	Rs. 46,73,450/- (inclusive of interest up to 09.08.2024)	Apartment No. 307, 3rd Floor, "MVS ORCHIDS" apartments, sites denoted as site Numbers 53 to 70 amalgamated site No. 01 vide Katha No.504, Sy. No.30, E. Katha No. 150200101300320146, Kavalahosahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal taluk, Bangalore 562107 and bounded by: East : Open to Sky, West : Common Corridor, North : Open to sky & portion of Plot No.306, South : Open to sky & portion of Flat No.308.
2. Baroda Suidha Home Loan 27710600 003726	3.19	9.15% + 2% penal interest compounded monthly	Rs. 3,15,109/- (inclusive of interest up to 09.08.2024)	

(2) In the letter of acknowledgment of debt dated 19.06.2023 you have acknowledged your liability to the Bank to the tune of **Rs. 49.99 lakhs**. The outstandings stated above include further drawings and interest upto **09.08.2024**.
(3) As you are aware, you have committed defaults in payment of interest on above loans/outstandings for the quarter ended **30.09.2024**. You have also defaulted in payment of instalments of term loan/demand loans which have fallen due for payment on **10.06.2024** and thereafter.
(4) Consequent upon the defaults committed by you, your loan account has been classified as non-performing asset on **25.08.2024** in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India directives and guidelines. In spite of our repeated requests and demands you have not repaid the overdue loans including interest thereon.
(5) Having regard to your inability to meet your liabilities in respect of the credit facilities duly secured by various securities mentioned in para 1 above, and classification of your account as a non-performing asset, we hereby give you notice under sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and call upon you to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating **Rs. 56,55,641/-** (and int there on as mentioned in para 1) as stated in para 1 above, within 60 days from the date of this notice. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till the date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note.
(6) Please note that, interest will continue to accrue at the rates specified in para 1 above for each credit facility until payment in full.
(7) We invite your attention to sub-section 13 of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you are barred from transferring any of the secured assets referred to in para 1 above by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business), without obtaining our prior written consent. We may add that non-compliance with the above provision contained in section 13 (13) of the said Act, is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.
(8) We further invite your attention to sub section (8) of section 13 of the said Act in terms of which you may redeem the secured assets, if the amount of dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is tendered by you, at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction/ inviting quotations/ tender/private treaty. Please note that after publication of the notice as above, your right to redeem the secured assets will not be available.
Please note that this demand notice is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which we may have, including without limitation, the right to make further demands in respect of sums owing to us.

Date : 18.12.2025
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/-
Chief Manager & Authorised Officer



POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of the Commissioner,
Police Traffic Division,
7th Floor, M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru 560001.
E-mail: dgppow@ksp.gov.in Tel No.22353871

No.STS-3/59/Tender Publish/2025-26 Dated : 18.12.2025

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The tender are invited in Two Cover System as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through e-Tender of Government of Karnataka website for Supply/Installation/AMC of following items required to the Joint Commissioner of Police Traffic, Bengaluru.

Sl. No	Tender No.	Particulars	Last Date for submission of tender
1	KSP/2025-26/ INDD461	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Traffic Surveillance System for selected High Density junctions of Bengaluru City	31/12/2025
2	KSP/2025-26/ INDD462	Providing an Automated AI Traffic Detection & Enforcement System for BTP	31/12/2025
3	KSP/2025-26/ INDD463	Providing AI-Based Traffic Violation Validation Solution for BTP	31/12/2025

For further details of the tender and the tender documents can be obtained from the public procurement portal.
Sd/-
Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Bangalore.
DIPRC/PS454/SINR/2025-26

DEEPAK SAHAKARI BANK LIMITED
1703, 28th Cross, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar Bangalore-560010.

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF CHAPTER III OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

At their request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its below mentioned branches. The relevant particulars of the property on which they have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon them, was un-saved/not acknowledged/addressee left/ this publication is now issued.

1.Name and Address of the Borrower : 1. **Sri. Venkatesh S,** S/o Shivappa, 2. **Sri. Santhosh S V** (Deceased) S/o Venkatesh S, 3. **Sri. Satish S V** S/o Venkatesh S, **Legal Heirs : Smt. Chandrakala and Smt. Bhagyalakshmi** No. 35, 2nd Cross, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar 15th Main, BDA Doopannahalli Slum, Bangalore-560008. **Surety : 4. Sri. Kesavelu V** No. 72, 16th Main, BDA Saheb Colony, HAL 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560008.

Account Number:1003057000031 & 1003057000045 Limit Amount: 15,90,000/- & 2,30,000/- Outstanding Loan Amount : **Rs. 37,45,127/-** (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Forty Five Thousand One Hundred And Twenty Seven Only) as on 01/12/2025 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.

Date of NPA: June 2019 Demand Notice dtd: 03/12/2025 Branch: Kamalanager Branch Description of the property :- Details of Hypothicated assets and details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower),

All that piece and parcel of the Residential property at No. 35, 2nd Cross, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar 15th Main, BDA Doopannahalli Slum, BDA Saheb Colony, Bangalore-560008. PID No. 74-4-35. And measuring East to West 6.10 mts and North to South : 9.15 mts. Total measuring 55.81 mtrs. And bounded on :East by : Site No. 36, West by: Site No. 34, North by: Site No. 14, South by: Road If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (2) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section (13) of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtained written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date : 19-12-2025
Place: Bangalore
Authorized Officer
Deepak Sahakari Bank Limited.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client intends to purchase the residential apartment mentioned and described in the schedule below from **Shri. Rohit Srinivas**, son of Late D.S. Murthy, (hereafter referred to as "Owner"). The Owner represents that the Schedule Property is free from any encumbrance, mortgage, charge, lien or litigation and he has not entered into any sort of agreement/MOU/Deeds etc, for sale/transfer of the Schedule Property. Any person/s having any objection, claim, right, title or/and interest with respect to the Schedule Property or any part or portion thereof by way of sale, conveyance, acquisition, partition, transfer, memorandum of understanding, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, encumbrance, inheritance, succession, lease, easement or demand or objections or claims of any nature whatsoever for the proposed transaction shall lodge their claim(s)/objection(s)/demand(s) with the undersigned supported by documentary evidence **within Fifteen (15) days** from the date of publication of this notice failing which, my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction as though there are no claim(s)/objection(s)/demand(s) to the proposed transaction.

SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the residential Apartment bearing **No. I-107** now bearing e Katha No. 820258204, Property No. 7901/107/26/1-134/4 (old No. 26/1-134/4, PID No. 9-1-26/1-134/4) on the First Floor of 'I-Wing Hercules' in 'Brigade Gateway', measuring **1590** square feet of super built-up area with right to use one top covered Car Parking area bearing **No. 435L** in the Ground Floor with **59/220213th or 280** square feet Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the property bearing Municipal Nos. 26 and 26/1, New No. 26/1, situated in Industrial Suburb, 'A' Block, Subramanyannagar, Municipal Ward No. 9, Rajajinagar Extension (Malleśwaram Vasti), Bengaluru and the Apartment is bounded on the:-
East by : Apartment No. I-108 in First Floor in 'I-Wing Hercules' in 'Brigade Gateway';
West by : Apartment No. I-106 in First Floor in 'I-Wing Hercules' in 'Brigade Gateway';
North by : Open towards open space in 'I-Wing Hercules' in 'Brigade Gateway'; and
South by : Lobby in First Floor in 'I-Wing Hercules' in 'Brigade Gateway'.

Vinay K. S., Advocate,
Vinay Kademane & Associates
307, 3rd Floor, Prestige Centre Point, No.7/49, Edward Road, Bengaluru-560001
Ph: 080 4976323/22863885
Email : vinay@vinaykademane.in
Date : Bengaluru
Date : 19-12-2025

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
A.P. SOCIAL WELFARE RESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SOCIETY
D.No.12-467-9, Moksha Sai Plaza, Service Road, Tadepalli, Guntur District-522501

e-Procurement Tender Notice NO.25 to 29
APSWREIS/TECH/2766307/2025, Dated: 19.12.2025

Downloading commencement on 22.12.2025 and closing date may be viewed in e-Procurement.gov.in

Tenders are invited for five works (5) from the registered companies/firms of eligible registered bidders to supply of items to APSWRS and estimate cost ranging from 11.00 Lakhs to 163 Lakhs. i) Supply and Installation of Mechanized Kitchen Equipment in 14 Benchmark Schools (4th Call) with ECV of **Rs. 135.00 Lakhs**, ii) Supply of Stainless steel 4 Compartment Thali Plates, Glasses and Kataras (3rd call) with an ECV of **Rs.163.00 Lakhs** and iii) Library book (2nd Call) with an ECV of **Rs.11.00 Lakhs**, iv) Repair & Maintenance of RO Plant for all Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Gurukulams in State (AMC) with an ECV of **Rs.120 Lakhs**, v) Restoration of Non-functional Desktops, Laptops and Printers Across all Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Gurukulams in State (AMC) with an ECV of **Rs.100 Lakhs**. Further details may be viewed at <http://tenders.apswreprocurement.gov.in> and Contact no: **0863-2347445**. **Note:** Changes/amendments, if any, will only be communicated through above e-procurement platform.
Sd/- SECRETARY, APSWREIS, Tadepalli.
DIPR No.4684PP/CV/ADVT/11/2021-22, Dt:19/12/2025

University of Mysore

Viswavidyanyilaya Karya Soudha, Crawford Hall, Post Box No.406
Mysore-570 005-570 005. Phone : 2419222/2419361
E-mail: registrar@uni-mysore.ac.in Website: www.uni-mysore.ac.in
No. GL3/254/2022-23 Date : 18.12.2025

SHORTTERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Only through E-Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka)
Tender Notification No. UOM/2025-26/SEO037, Dated 16-12-2025
Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>

The Registrar, University of Mysore, Mysuru is hereby invited tenders from the eligible registered institutions/suppliers for Supplying & erecting latiz pendal, carpet, running lights, Sound system & Cooler on hire basis at Crawford Hall & VC Quarters, University of Mysore, Mysuru in connection of 106th Annual Convocation, University of Mysore, Mysuru in TWO Covers system as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 1999 and Rules 2000. **4.00 PM of 29-12-2025** is the last date to submit the Short-term tender. For more details please visit the official websites.

Sl. No.	Description
1	Supplying & erecting latiz pendal, carpet, running lights, Sound system & Cooler on hire basis at Crawford Hall & VC Quarters, University of Mysore, Mysuru in connection of 106th Annual Convocation, University of Mysore, Mysuru.

Sd/- Registrar
University of Mysore
DIPR/MYS/1391/SA/2025-26

DEPAK SAHAKARI BANK LTD
1703, 28th Cross, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar Bangalore-560010.

POSSESSION NOTICE
RULE 8(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002 (for immovable property)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Deepak Sahakari Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act,2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, has issued a demand notice details hereunder upon the under mentioned borrowers calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the notice and given hereunder against their names within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned hereunder. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Deepak Sahakari Bank Ltd., for the amounts due from the borrowers and interest thereon.

Details of the Notice, Borrowers. Etc.:-			
Date of Notice Under Sec 13(2)	Name of the Borrower/s	Amount demanded (subsequent interest also due and recoverable)	Date of Possession
13-10-2025	1.Sri Shanarappa Arakeri s/o Anadappa Arakeri 2.Smt.Vijayalakshmi Arakeri s/o Shanarappa Arakeri 3.Sri. Ramesh S Arakeri s/o Shanarappa Arakeri No 268, 9 th Cross, Defence Badavane Main Road,Bagalagunte, Nagesandra, Bangalore-560073. Surety: Sri. Veerabadrappa Arakeri, s/o Sonalingappa Arakeri, No. 338, 22 nd Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar,T Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560057 (IPL - 54 & 88) Sri. Bhaskaran S. Subraman. No. 636/ 5/6, 5 th Cross, Lakshimpura Road, Near Sagar Enterprises, Abbigere, Chikkaballapuravara post, Bangalore-560090, (IPL-88)	Rs.14,35,358/- + interest, Legal and other Charges from 08/12/2025.	20-12-2025
		Loan A/c No. - IPL 54 & 58 at Srirampuram Branch	
Description of the Immoveable property			
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing at assessment No. 56/3, Khata No. 748, Site No. 16, Municipal No. 268, Bagalurpet Village, 1 st Main Road, 9 th Cross, Defence Colony, Bangalore-560073. Property measuring towards East to West 45 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 sq feet together with building and bounded on:- East by: Site No. 15; West by: 9 th B Cross;North by: 1 st Main Road; South by: Site No. 17. Property belonging to Sri. Shanarappa Arakeri s/o Anadappa Arakeri.			
Date of Notice Under Sec 13(2)	Name of the Borrower/s	Amount demanded (subsequent interest also due and recoverable)	Date of Possession
13-10-2025	1.Smt. Kalpana s/w Sathiyamma Murthy S.2.Sri. Sathiyamma Murthy S. S/o Sadashiv Achary S.3.Sri. Kiran Kumar S. s/o Sathiyamma Murthy S.4.Sri. Ajun S. s/o Sathiyamma Murthy S.5.S. S. S. S/o Sathiyamma Murthy S.No. 250, 6 th Phase, 1 st Stage, 3 rd Main, S th Cross, Industrial Town, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010.	Rs.25,34,348/- + interest, Legal and other Charges from 08/12/2025.	20-12-2025
		Loan A/c No. - IPL 343 at Rajajinagar Branch	
Description of the Immoveable property			
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 17, BDA No. 1/4 th share of the Site area 337.5 sq ft (Total site area 1350 sq ft) back portion of 1 st Floor and 1/3 rd share of Terrace area of second floor situated at 1 st Stage, 6 th Phase, West of Chord Road, extension, Bangalore-560044. Property measuring towards East to West 30 feet and North to South 45 feet, totally measuring 1350 sq feet together with building and bounded on:- East by: House No. 251; West by: House No. 249; North by: House No. 241; South by: Road			
Property belonging to Smt. Kalpana s/w Sathiyamma Murthy S.			
Place:-Bangalore.		Authorized Officer	
Date:- 19-12-2025		Deepak Sahankar Bank Ltd.	

CHENNAI METRO RAIL LIMITED
(A Joint Venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of Tamil Nadu)
(ISO 9001:2015 AND ISO 14001:2015 CERTIFIED)
METRO'S ANNA SALAI, NANDANAM, CHENNAI - 600 035.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Tender No. CMRL-OPN 02-CBTMS-2025

CMRL invites online bids for the tender for providing "Computer Based Training Management System (CBTMS) along with Interactive Videos". Tender documents can be downloaded from <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> or <https://chennaimetrorail.org>

**For Managing Director
General Manager (O&M)
Chennai Metro Rail Limited**

DIPR/6744/Tender/2025

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Corporate Office, MESCOM Bhavana, Bejai, Mangalore-575 004
Phone: 0824-2885795 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

No. E-277457 Date: 19.12.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

MESCOM invites short term tender for Manufacture, Testing, Supply and Commissioning of Single Phase and Three Phase Fully Automatic Smart Energy Meter Test Bench as below:

Tender No	Name of the Material proposed for Procurement	Quantity (Nos)
MESCOM/2025-26/IND0151	1 Phase, 40 Position, Smart Meter Test Bench	4
	3 Phase, 20 Position, Smart Meter Test Bench	4

The interested eligible bidders may log on to www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after **20.12.2025**.

DIPR/DKMP/J002/25-26 Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), (Procurement)
For Power Related Complaints and Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
(Established under the Central Universities Act, 2009)
Tejaswini Hills, Periyar, Kasaragod - 671325

No.CUK/RC/FO/2023

EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION

Online applications are invited from the eligible Indian nationals for filling up the following posts on direct recruitment basis;

- 1) Registrar, 01(UR), CUK/RC/50/02/2025
- 2) Finance Officer, 01(UR), CUK/RC/50/01/2025
- 3) Librarian, 01(UR), CUK/RC/50/03/2025

Pay Level 14 (1,44,200-2,18,200)

Last date of online application: 23.01.2026 - 11:59 PM

Last date of receipt of hard copy of application: 06.02.2026 - 05:00 PM

For more details, visit www.cukerala.ac.in

CBC 21353/12/0005/2526 Registrar

Government of India
Department of Space
ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC)
Mahendragiri P.O., Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu- 627 133, India
Telephone: 04637-281803 / 4061 / 1672; Fax: 04637-281681.

E-TENDER NOTICE Dated : 16-12-2025

On Behalf of the President of India, item-rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works:

Sl. No.	Name of Works [Composite Work - S.I.no: 01 : Civil Works - S.I.no: 02 & 03: Mechanical Work - S.I.no: 04]	Estimated Cost ₹ (in Lakhs)	Period of completion	EMD(₹)
1	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-149/MW/CMP-06/2025-26 Augmentation to L110 Substation at IPRC, Mahendragiri. (Electrical & Civil works)	137.81	10 (Ten months)	2,75,700
2	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-151/MIC/CPH-63/2025-26 Vertical Extension to PET Control Room for Instrumentation Testing Room and Store Room at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	21.42	05 (Five months)	42,900
3	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-155/MW/07/2025-26 Providing Approach road & Pedestrian pavement for Space Science & Technology Park (SSTP), Kanyakumari (Civil works)	93.29	04 (Four months)	1,86,600
4	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-152/MW/IM-04/2025-26 Supply, Installation, testing and commissioning of Passenger Lifts for Space Science and Technology Part (SSTP) at Kanyakumari. (Mechanical works)	135.87	12 (Twelve months)	2,71,800

Dates for Online Request : From 15-11-2025 [10:00 hours]
To: 05-01-2026 [2330 hours] [for s.no: 1, 3 & 4 only]
To: 29-12-2025 [2330 hours] [for s.no: 2 only]
13-01-2026 [1400 hours] [for s.no: 1, 3 & 4 only]
01-01-2026 [1000 hours] [for s.no: 2 only]

Due Time & Date of Submission :
For further details visit: www.isro.gov.in/tenders (or) www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO

For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website <https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html> and tender free view at <https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro>

Note : All future correspondence (Corrigenda) for the above work(s) shall be published only on the websites mentioned above.

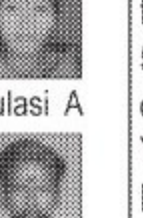
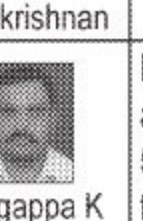
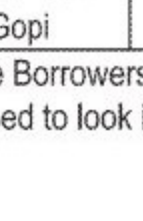
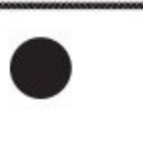
GROUP HEAD, CMG, IPRC.

Textile Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
Administrative Office : No.16, 1st 'A' Main Road, Sudhamanagar, Bengaluru-560 027.
Ph: 48521054; Email: aotcb.bank.in

POSSESSION NOTICE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Appendix IV (Rule 8-(1)))

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Textile Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bengaluru under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in compliance of Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice on the date mentioned against each account calling upon the following borrowers/mortgagor/surety to repay the amounts mentioned in the notice and interest thereon, outstanding in the loan accounts at Textile Co-operative Bank Ltd. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Surety/Mortgagors in the following accounts having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Surety/ Mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned herein below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Textile Co-operative Bank Ltd., for amount and interest thereon & other charges.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	Name of Surety	Description of the Property Mortgaged (With Boundaries)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount On/standing as on the Date of Demand Notice Rs. Ps.
1	MAIN BRANCH:  DHANASEKAR M Sio Mayakrishnan Muthugounder HL-EMI 589	 Thulasi A  Mayakrishnan Muthugounder  Vennila Mayakrishnan	All the Piece and Parcel of the Eastern Portion of the Property bearing Present No.1195/1, PID No.16-54-1195/1, Old no.1195, old Katha No.1041, (Carved out of Sy.No.46 of Saneguruvannahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), Presently situated at 4th cross, 2nd Main Road, Kasturi Layout, Kamalanagara, Bangalore-560079. Measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 40 feet Bounded on:- East by: House No.1194; West by: Remaining Western Portion of same Property; North by: Private Property; South by: Road	12-09-2025	01-12-2025	Rs.35,65,193/-
2	ADUGODI BRANCH:  SRINIVAS K Sio Late Kempanna IPL - 506	 Burugappa K  Kumar K  Venkatesh K  Akkaiyamma  Saraswathi Gopi	Property Bearing No 21/2 PID No67-34-21/2 situated at Harjana Colony, 1st Cross, Adugodi, Bangalore 560030. Measuring: East to West: 10 Feet and North to South: 15 Feet. Totally Measuring 150 Square Feet and Bounded on: East By: House Belonging to Papanna, West By: 5 Feet Common Passage, North By: Conervancy Lane, South By: House Belonging to Chinnanna.	12-08-2025	15-12-2025	Rs.3,45,700/-

Amount paid if by the above Borrowers after issuance of Possession Notice, would be reckoned for ascertaining the dues payable at the time of realization/settlement. Borrowers are advised to look into the provisions of Act 13(8) regarding the amount of time available to redeem the secured asset.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 20/12/2025

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Textile Co-operative Bank Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that my client **Smt.Pooja S.J.** residing at Aththali, Ramanagar, Kanakapura, Karnataka 562126. My client is the absolute owner of Site No.71, measuring East to West: 60 feet and North to South: 40 feet in all measuring 2400 Square feet and situated at Halagadevahalalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. My client has lost original Sale deed dated 23.04.1999, executed by Sri.M.D.Ramakrishnaiah in favour of Sri.Kampagowda N.B.D., registered as Document No.687/1999-2000 of Book-I, in the office of the sub registrar Kengeri, Bangalore. My client has lost the above mentioned sale deed while shifting house and the same is not traceable even after her best efforts. In this regard my client has lodged Online Police Complaint Vide Lost Report No.1965202/2025, dated 19.12.2025, if any person/s, Bank/anybody having any right or claims over the above mentioned property may lodge their objections if any in writing failing which certified copy of the lost document shall be treated as the original title deeds and construed by any court that there are no claims/objections. If my client finds the above said document or is in possession, please handover the same to the below said address within 7 days.

Chandrika P. Shetty, Advocate,
No.22, Ground Floor, Near Yediyur Lake, Kanakapura Main Road- Blore -04

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my clients **Mr. Abhinava Kumar R. Chidru**, S/o N. Ramesh Babu, and **Mrs. Avana Srinivasan**, W/o Mr. B. Srinivasan, are the beneficiaries of the original Sale Deed dated 15.12.1982, executed by the Deputy Secretary, Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) in favour of Smt. K.G. Vedavathi S/o Sri K. Ganga Setty (deceased), bearing Document No. 3886/1982-83, registered in the office of the concerned Sub-Registrar.

The original Sale Deed has been lost/misplaced, despite diligent search. In this regard, an e- Lost Article Report dated 19.12.2025, bearing Lost Report No. 1965769/2025, has been duly lodged with the competent authority.

This Public Notice is issued to invite objections, if any, from any person or entity claiming any right, title, interest, lien, charge, or encumbrance in respect of the said document and the property described in the Schedule hereunder. Such claims or objections, if any, shall be made in writing along with supporting documents within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice.

In the absence of any objections within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that there are no claims or objections, and the beneficiaries shall proceed to obtain a certified copy/duplicate document and take further steps as permissible in law.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of land bearing Site No. 264, Block No. VIII, situated at Jayanagar Extension, Bengaluru, and bounded as follows:
East by : II Main Road
West by : Site No. 263
North by : 38th Cross Road
South by : Site No. 264/A

ANIRUDH K.H. Advocate
Chambers: 162, Ground Floor, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Arekere Mico Layout, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560076
Email: anirudhlegal3@gmail.com
Phone: +91 7875707050
Date: 19-12-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. RENUKESH M.C. S/o. M.R. Chandrasekhar** Murthy, R/at. No.43, 3rd Cross, Vasanthapuri Main Road, Near Vallabhanagara, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560040, Bangalore had terminated and cancelled the agreement of sale dated 09-05-2024 executed by him in favour of **Sri. GIRIYAPPA G. S/o. Late Girigowda**, R/at. House No.206, "Shubhagiri", 4th Main Road, 4th Cross, Kanaka Layout, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070 in respect of the schedule property hereunder. In this regard my client is also issued legal notice Dated 05-11-2025 to the said **Sri. GIRIYAPPA G. S/o. Late Girigowda** in order to cancel and terminated the agreement of sale dated 09-05-2024 as required under law. My client inform to the general public that not to enter any transactions with said **Sri. GIRIYAPPA G. S/o. Late Girigowda** in respect of the schedule property in view of the cancellation of agreement of sale dated 09-05-2024.

If anybody has entered into any transactions in respect of the schedule property with said **Sri. GIRIYAPPA G. S/o. Late Girigowda**, the same are not binding on my client. If anybody has any claim, title, right over this property. They shall file their objections with documents before the undersigned within 10 days from this notice.

SCHEDULE:
All that piece and parcel of the Residential vacant Site bearing No.3, formed in the Sy.No.6 of Subramanyapura Village (Maarasandra), Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 49.90 feet (12.18 meters) and North to South 60 feet (18.28 meters) in all measuring 2400 square feet (222.83 Square Meters) and bounded:
East by : Site No.2, West by : Site No.4, North by : Park, South by : Road.

BHARATH KUMAR V. Advocate
No. 412, 2nd Floor, Shamsuddin Block, HHS & HMS Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru-560002 M.9485629337
email : bharath.advocates@gmail.com

IN THE COURT OF THE VII ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE BENGALURU RURAL AT BENGALURU
R.A. No. 53/2020
BETWEEN: YELLAMMA and ors..APPELLANTS AND: RAJANNA and ors. RESPONDENTS
SUIT SUMMONS AND NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT No. 16 and 20

16. RAVI, S/o Late Munniyappa, Age: 58 years, Residing at: No.74/16, HMT Main Road, Gokul 1st Stage, 1st Phase, Mathikere Layout, Bengaluru-560054.

20. NAGAMMA, D/o Late Chikashyamappa W/o Venkataswamiiah, Age 60 years Residing at: Madannayakannahalli, Dasanapura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

WHEREAS, the appellants have instituted the above appeal for Partition against you in the above suit, the appellants had filed a suit for Partition in O.S. No. 1854/2007 before the Hon'ble II Additional Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural at Bengaluru in which the Hon'ble court passed the Judgment dated 18/09/2019 after which the Appellants approached this Hon'ble court and have filed the above appeal, you are hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or through an Advocate/Reader on **20.12.2025** at 11 a.m. to answer the same issue of this summons and notice, if you fail to appear on that day, the above appeal/application will be disposed of ex parte. Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 19.12.2025.

By order of the Court, Chief Administrative Officer, District & Sessions Court, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.
Advocate for Appellants
MOHAMMED AYUB ALI, Advocate
Bhandari Associates, No. 144, 6th Cross, K.E.B. Layout, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru - 560 094.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. RENUKESH M.C. S/o. M.R. Chandrasekhar** Murthy, R/at. No.43, 3rd Cross, Vasanthapuri Main Road, Near Vallabhanagara, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560040, Bangalore had terminated and cancelled the agreement of sale dated 09-05-2024 executed by him in favour of **Sri. GIRIYAPPA G. S/o. Late Girigowda**, R/at. House No.206, "Shubhagiri", 4th Main Road, 4th Cross, Kanaka Layout, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070 in respect of the schedule property hereunder. In this regard my client is also issued legal notice Dated 05-11-2025 to the said **Sri. GIRIYAPPA G. S/o. Late Girigowda** in order to cancel and terminated the agreement of sale dated 09-05-2024 as required under law. My client inform to the general public that not to enter any transactions with said **Sri. GIRIYAPPA G. S/o. Late Girigowda** in respect of the schedule property in view of the cancellation of agreement of sale dated 09-05-2024.

If anybody has entered into any transactions in respect of the schedule property with said **Sri. GIRIYAPPA G. S/o. Late Girigowda**, the same are not binding on my client. If anybody has any claim, title, right over this property. They shall file their objections with documents before the undersigned within 10 days from this notice.

SCHEDULE:
All that piece and parcel of the Residential vacant Site bearing No.3, formed in the Sy.No.6 of Subramanyapura Village (Maarasandra), Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 49.90 feet (12.18 meters) and North to South 60 feet (18.28 meters) in all measuring 2400 square feet (222.83 Square Meters) and bounded:
East by : Site No.2, West by : Site No.4, North by : Park, South by : Road.

BHARATH KUMAR V. Advocate
No. 412, 2nd Floor, Shamsuddin Block, HHS & HMS Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru-560002 M.9485629337
email : bharath.advocates@gmail.com

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE & J.M.F.C AT NELAMANGALA
C.MISC. No. 370/2025
BETWEEN: Sri. Siddappa S/o. Late. SIDDAPPA, aged about 75 years, R/at. Humnigere Village, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru- 562 130 -
PETITIONER
AND: THE TASHILDAR, Bengaluru North Taluk, K.G. Road, Bengaluru -
RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the petitioner above named have filed the petition seeking direction to the Tashildar, Bengaluru North Taluk to register the date of death of the father of Petitioner by name **SIDDAPPA S/o. Late. Linganna**, passed away on 28-08-1987 at Humnigere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter, may appear before the Addl Civil Judge & J.M.F.C at Nelamangala at **11.00 A.M. on 27-01-2026** to which date the case has been posted for hearing. Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 18/12/2025

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge Junior Division and J.M.F.C, Nelamangala

Advocate for Petitioner: **M.S. SATISH**
No.5/1, 2nd Floor, S.L.N. Mahal, 3rd Cross, Link Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 003.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that the undersigned has been instructed to carry out search report to ascertain the marketable title and lawful possession of the Schedule Property and the search report is in progress. Consequently, I have undertaken to carry out search and to scrutinize various documents to ascertain the marketable title and lawful possession of the Owner over the Schedule Property and the search report is in progress. Meanwhile, I have been authorized to issue this Public Notice by the owner calling for objections from persons who may be interested in the Schedule Property or any portion thereof or having any claims against the Schedule Property or opposing sale thereof. Therefore, any person/s, financial institutions or otherwise having any interest in the Schedule Property or any portion thereof or intending to oppose the sale of the Schedule Property or any portion thereof to third parties, may forward their written objections with supporting documents to the undersigned, within **FIFTEEN (15) days** from the date of publication hereof for scrutiny and consideration. Any objections received thereafter will not be considered and my client would proceed with the completion of the sale subject to title clearance, as if there are no third party claims or interest, and if any, are deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Land bearing Sy. 74/2, measuring to an extent of 2 Acre 12 Guntas and 5 Guntas of Karab Guntas situated at Kumbalagodu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk and bounded on: East by: Land belongs to Bodappa, West by: Land belongs to Venkataramanappa, North by: Tank Bund, South by: Sarkari Halla

SHIVKUMARA H. Advocate
No.5, Richmond Road, Bengaluru-560025 Ph. No.9945060086. Date: 19-12-2025

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I KARNATAKA
4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

DEMAND NOTICE FORM NO.14
(See Regulation 33(2)) By Regd. A.O. Dated falling which by Publication

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961, as amended
RC/314/2024 21.12.2024

UNION BANK OF INDIA
Versus
SRI. MANJUNATHA J.
In the Matter of:
(CH-1) Union Bank of India, (erstwhile Andhra Bank), T.Dasarahalli Branch, No.1478, Dris Plaza, Ground Floor Tumkur Road, T.Dasarahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560057.

...Applicant/Bank/Certificate Holder VERSUS

To,
(CD-1) **SRI.MANJUNATHA J.** S/o.H.Jayaram No.24, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Ekadnatha Nagar, Herohalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560091.
(CD-2) **Smt.Deepika W/o Sri Manjunatha J.** No.24, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Ekadnatha Nagar, Herohalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560091.

...Defendants/Certificate Debtors

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal Bangalore (DRT-I) in OA/135/2024 an amount of Rs.86,41,959.00 (Rupees Eighty Six Lakhs Forty One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Nine Only) along with cost, expenses and future interest @ 13.30% p.a. Simple Interest w.e.f. 13.10.2021 till realization and costs of Rs.1,29,775.00 (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. Your hereby order to appear before the undersigned within 15 days from this notice.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 17.10.2022.

Recovery Officer-II
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT I)

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR DOCUMENT LOST

My Client **Mr. Milash N.K. S/o. N. Keshava** Aged about 42 years R/at No.84, 3rd Main Road, Margosa Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560055, do hereby inform to the General Public that, he has misplaced/lost the Registered Sale deed dated 27.04.2001 registered in the office of Sub Registrar Nelamangala Document No.213/2001-02 and Sale deed dated 24.05.2004 registered in the office of Sub Registrar Nelamangala Document No. NMG-1-00795/2004-05 in respect of property bearing site No. 19, Khatna No. 137/19 in Sy. No. 17 situated at Byrasetthalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk Bangalore At Near his residence place Malleshwaram, Bangalore on 19.12.2025 and he has given police complaints to Bengaluru City Police on 19.12.2025, Lost Report No. 1965405/2025 and 1965429/2025, If any person/s, firm, Company, Institution or Organization having the claim, right, title, interest in the above mentioned documents/ property or any objection they may contact to undersigned with documentary proof in writing within 15 days from the date of this notice and if no valid objections are received within the stipulated period, which it will be presumed that, there are no claims or objections from any one.

GAJANAN S.M. Advocate
No. 14/3, CFC Building (Annex) 4th floor, OPP. RBI, NT Road, Bangalore -560 001. Call -95908 17733

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I KARNATAKA
4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

DEMAND NOTICE FORM NO.14
(See Regulation 33(2)) By Regd. A.O. Dated falling which by Publication

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961, as amended
RC/308/2022 Date: 17.10.2022

UNION BANK OF INDIA
Versus
Sri. Manjunath Pattabhi Shastri
In the Matter of:
(CD-1) Union Bank of India (erstwhile Corporation Bank) Southend Road Branch, Mill Corner, Sheshadripuram Post, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 020.

...Applicant/Bank/Certificate Holder VERSUS

To,
(CD1) **Sri. Manjunath Pattabhi Shastri** S/o. Sri. Pattabhi Rama Shastri, Residing At: No.122, 5th Cross, Cambridge Layout, Ulsoor Post, Bengaluru-560 008.
(CD-2) **M/s Sweet Home Corporation**, No. 100/A, 19th Main, 1st 'N' Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560 010.
(CD-3) **Sri S. Kulandaiswamy S/o. Sri. Sathiyugaya Udayir**, Aged about 55 years, Residing At: No. 10, Rajajinagar, 8th Cross, Prashanthnagar, HBCS Layout, 13th Main, J.C. Nagar, Mahalakshmiapuram, Bengaluru-560 086.
(CD 5) **SRI V. DANCHEKAR** S/o. Sri. Velayudhan, Residing At: No. 504, 15th 'A' Main Road, 3rd Stage, 1st Block, Basaveshwaram, Bengaluru-560 079.
(CD 6) **PATTABHI TECHNOLOGIES PVT LTD** Having Its Registered Office At Sheriff House, 2nd Floor, No.85, Richmond Road, Bengaluru-560025, Represented By Its Managing Director **Sri. Manjunath Pattabhi Shastri**
(CD 7) **Dr.B S. Jai Prakash Director Of M/s. Pattabhi Technologies Pvt. Ltd.** Having Its Registered Office At Sheriff House, 2nd Floor, No.85, Richmond Road, Bengaluru-560025.
(CD 8) **DR.SHAIK MOHAMMED RAFE** Director Of M/s. Pattabhi Technologies Pvt. Ltd. Having Its Registered Office At Sheriff House, 2nd Floor, No.85, Richmond Road, Bengaluru-560 052.

...Defendants/Certificate Debtors

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal Bangalore (DRT I) in OA/812/2014 an amount of Rs.52,57,144/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty Four Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @11.75% p.a. w.e.f. 10.11.2010 till realization and costs of Rs.1,42,255/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. Your hereby order to appear before the undersigned within 15 days from this notice.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 17.10.2022.

Recovery Officer-II
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT I)

To,
(CD-1) **Sris Raghunath Shyamanna** S/o.Sri.Shyamanna, Prop: M/s Bhavani Consultants And Constructions, Having Its Registered Office At: No.2, 1st Cross Opp. Ganesh Temple, Hegganahalli Main Road Vishwaneeedam Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560091.
(CD-2) **Smt. Kanthamma** W/o.Sri Y.B. Shamanna, Residing At No.104, 7th Main Road, 3rd Stage, 4th Block, Basaveshwaram, Bangalore, Karnataka-560079.

...Defendants(S)

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal Bangalore (DRT-I) in OA/417/2021 an amount of Rs.1,05,38,022 (Rupees One Crore Five Lakh Thirty Eight Thousands Twenty Two Only) along with cost, expenses and future interest @ 13.70% p.a. Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. 23.04.2021 till realization and costs of Rs.1,77,989 (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Seven Thousands Nine Hundred Eighty Nine Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

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(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 17.12.2024

Recovery Officer-II

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my clients propose to purchase the property described in the Schedule herein from (1) **Smt. Vasanthi C. Keerthi**, wife of Late Sri. R.P.Chandra Keerthi, (2) **Ms. R.C. Neetha**, (3) **Sri. R.C. Samanth** (No.2 & 3) daughter and son of Late Sri. R.P.Chandra Keerthi all at No.76, Shankar Mutt Parallel Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore-560004, who have represented that they are the owners of the Schedule Property. Further (1) and (2) above have represented that they acquired title to the Schedule Property by way of succession upon the death of Late Sri R.P.Chandra Keerthi, and (3) Sri. R.C. Samanth purchased the Schedule Property along with his father Late Sri. R.P.Chandra Keerthi from their vendor Smt. B.Pushpalatha, in terms of a Sale Deed dated 28/10/2002, registered as Document No. 3407/02-03 in Book-I and stored in C.D. No 10 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Sriampuram, Bangalore. Any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase and persons who are having any right, title & interest in the Schedule Property by way of any agreement or otherwise shall lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication. Further, claims or alleged interest or objections, if any, which are not received within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of this notice shall be considered to have been consciously waived or abandoned for all intents and purposes and shall no longer be binding on my clients will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there are no claims/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:
Property consisting of Site and Multistoried Commercial Building consisting of Basement, Ground, First, Second and Terrace Floors having a built up area of 17,000Sq.ft constructed on Property bearing Municipal No.1/29 and bearing E.P.I.D. No.9740236241, situated at 7th Cross Road, Guddadahalli, Mysore Road, Municipal Ward Ward No.136, Jagajeevanammagar, Bangalore - 560026 and measuring East to West: 50 ft and North to South: 99 + 98/2 ft, totally measuring 4925 Sq.ft. and bounded by:
East : Property bearing No.4
West : Property bearing No.6
North



Rohit Sharma, Yashasvi Jaiswal and Suryakumar Yadav will not compete in at least the first two matches of the Vijay Hazare Trophy as the selectors are keen to blood youngsters in the Mumbai side. Ajinkya Rahane and Shivam Dube will also miss the initial games. The elite division of the 50-over tournament will be held from December 24 to January 8.

Ahead of World Cup team selection, SKY falls again

Yadav has scored just 218 runs at an average of 13.62 this year so far

GOMESH S @ Chennai

SOON as he moved legside to create some room and lofted Corbin Bosch, India T20I captain Suryakumar Yadav let out a sigh at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad on Friday. The sigh was not one of relief, but of desperation and helplessness, not knowing where things are going wrong. On a pitch where every other India batter smashed at 160-plus strike rate, Yadav's painful innings had come to an end in seven balls as he found David Miller at mid-off. He had five runs to show in seven balls at a strike rate of 71.42 while India posted 231/5 in 20 overs during the fifth and final T20I against South Africa.

As he stood there in the middle, bereft, not wanting to leave the field, one could sense the frustration Yadav would have felt. It was his chance to make a statement with the bat, have some runs under the belt and help India win the series before going into the T20 World Cup selection meeting on Saturday. It would also have taken some pressure off the Indian captain before facing the media during the squad announcement on Saturday afternoon at the BCCI headquarters. However, he fell flat on what is likely to be his penultimate bilateral T20I series as captain, continuing the poor run of form. From averaging 45.55 and striking at 171.55 till the end of 2023, Yadav's career average has dropped to 35.29 as of Friday. In 19 innings this year, Yadav has just 218 runs at an abysmal average of 13.62 and a SR of 123.16. Through this year, when asked about his lack of runs, Yadav has maintained that he is happy with his preparations and is just out of



Suryakumar Yadav walks back to the pavilion after his dismissal on Friday | **AP**

runs and not form. "I've been batting beautifully in the nets. When the runs have to come, they'll come. Not out of form, definitely out of runs," he had said after the win in Dharamsala last week. By Friday, it is safe to say that the Indian captain is both out of form and out of runs. So much so that if he was not the captain, and Shubman Gill were to pile on runs for fun, Yadav could be out of the squad. However, Yadav is the skipper and Gill's underwhelming return to T20I career means that the two of them keep their spot despite the lean patch.

Till this South Africa series, the fact that India were winning had masked Yadav's failures. Abhishek Sharma's prowess at the top and Tilak Varma-Hardik Pandya exploits in the middle had meant the skipper's poor form went under the radar. Even on Friday, barring Yadav, every single batter who walked out looked comfortable in the middle, toying with the bowlers, going after them from ball one. The Indian captain, meanwhile, struggle to hit a single boundary before eventually getting out.

Since he became captain, Yadav has taken to his personality and charm more than he used to especially in press conferences. The thing about it though is that it works when the team is winning and moving forward in the right direction. It is hard to not see the cracks when someone goes through a prolonged period of lull like Yadav has.

May be, it is time for Yadav to acknowledge that he is out of form. For he, too, by now know that he may have only two assignments as captain and it is his last chance to turn things around before the successor-in-waiting takes over after the World Cup. This isn't to say that Yadav will be removed as captain post the global event, but T20 WCs are two-year cycles and it is only a matter of time before Gill takes over as all-format captain. India's T20 next assignment after the WC is in July 2025 when they travel to England. So, the sooner Yadav realises that he has a problem and has to address it, the better it is for him and India. **Brief scores:** India 231/5 in 20 ovs (Varma 73, Hardik 63; Bosch 2/44) **bt** SA 201/8 in 20 ovs (De Kock 65; Varun 4/53).

Nagal beats Shapovalov as Eagles post win

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

TOP Indian tennis players Sumit Nagal and Shrivalli Bhamidipaty were the stars on Friday as Eagles beat Hawks to strengthen their bid for a spot in the finals of the World Tennis League in Bengaluru.

The 22-12 win helped Eagles to swell their total points tally to 65 and Hawks ended up with 53 points after their final set of league matches. The only win for Hawks came in the mixed doubles tie, as Yuki Bhambri and Elina Svitolina defeated Shrivalli Bhamidipaty and Gael Monfils 6-4. But they did not have any more success on the day as Shrivalli made her first appearance in the WTL a memorable affair.

She returned to court for women's singles soon and made short work of Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi 6-2. The 24-year-old right-hander then teamed up with Paula Badosa in the women's doubles to beat Maaya and Svitolina 6-3. The shock of the day came in the match between Sumit Nagal beat World No 23 Denis Shapovalov. Nagal won 6-1.



Australia's Travis Head celebrates after reaching his century on Friday | **AFP**

Head-ache for visitors after whirlwind day

AFP @ Adelaide

TRAVIS Head crunched his fourth century in as many Tests at Adelaide Oval on Friday as Australia built a 356-run lead over England to stand on the brink of retaining the Ashes. The hosts were 271/4 at stumps on day three of the third Test with Head on 142 and first-innings century-maker Alex Carey not out 52, taking the five-match series out of England's reach. England must win after

Brief scores: Australia 371 and 271/4 in 66 ovs (Head 142 batting, Khawaja 40, Carey 52 batting, Tongue 2/59) vs England 286 in 87.2 ovs (Duckett 29, Brook 45, Stokes 83, Archer 51, Cummins 3/69, Boland 3/45, Lyon 2/70)

crashing inside two days at the first Test in Perth and inside four in Brisbane, both by eight wickets. But it appears to be an impossible task with the highest run chase at the ground 316 by Australia against England in 1902. Head's crucial ton, his 11th, came off a composed 146 balls although he almost didn't get there, dropped on 99 by Harry Brook as impatience got the better of him. He has scored a century in four consecutive Tests on his home ground.

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

AS the senior men's selection committee led by BCCI chief selector Ajit Agarkar is set to announce the squad of the T20 World Cup on Saturday — more than 45 days before their first match — a few players may anxiously wait to see if they make the cut for the marquee event. Hosts India will begin their title defence against United States on February 7.

One of the few names who would hope to see his name on the squad is Ishan Kishan. Kishan, who last appeared in Blue in late 2023, never got the opportunity due to his reported "attitude problem." Almost two years later, he has led his state Jharkhand to their first SMAT title, scoring a 49-ball 101 in the final on Thursday. He ended his campaign with 517 runs with 33 sixes striking at 197.32.

Then there is Yashasvi Jaiswal. Part of the winning team of the 2024 T20 World Cup in West Indies, Jaiswal never got to play T20Is after the series at Sri Lanka in July last year. In the recently concluded Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, the 23-year-old cracked a century for Mumbai



Rinku Singh, Yashasvi Jaiswal and Ishan Kishan will be hoping to make the cut

(101 off 50 balls vs Haryana) in a high-scoring chase. Playing from the opener's slot, his strike rate was at 202.

However, for those two to make a cut, the selection committee will have to make drastic changes to what is a settled squad. Jaiswal has been the back-up opener for a while, but this being a home World Cup and with Sanju Samson in the mix, he may miss out. There is also the case of Kishan coming in for Samson especially with India vice-captain Shubman Gill's underwhelming numbers. Former T20 World Cup winner and wicketkeeper-batter Robin

Uthappa felt that new inclusions into the squad may prove to be "confusing." "I think presently, if we are to include a new name into this team unless it is because of an injury, it could cause a little confusion in the mood of the team in my opinion," he said in a JioStar pressroom interaction. "Sanju Samson and Abhishek were a working opening partnership. Now Shubman and Abhishek as an opening pair are being tested. A decision on whether they continue as a pair is yet to be known," he said, adding that the team management needs to work out on who opens with Abhishek going forward. If

Kishan is to be selected, it is likely as a back-up opener or a wicketkeeper, again at the cost of two wicketkeepers in place — Samson and Jitesh Sharma.

Rinku conundrum

Another batter who has done well with limited opportunities but seems to be down in the pecking order is Rinku Singh. The UP batter rose to fame in the IPL for his abilities to finish matches. In this year's Asia Cup, he faced only one ball in the final against Pakistan, finishing the match with a four. Since his time as coach, the team management has preferred batting all-rounders over specialists in the middle order. Hardik Pandya and Shivam Dube — both good power hitters — are likely to cement their spots. "It's tough actually for Rinku. It's unfortunate that he doesn't find himself a spot in this team so far. Given the fact that they have both Samson as a third opener at this point in time and they have Jitesh as a finisher as well, so you need two wicket keepers when you go into a big tournament like this (...)," Uthappa explained.

Full story: [newindianexpress.com](#)

ON THE CARDS

INDIAN MEN FS WRESTLERS MAY HAVE A RUSSIAN COACH

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

FORMER Russian wrestler Anatoly Beloglavov, the 1980 Moscow Olympics 52kg gold medallist, looks set to take over as foreign wrestling coach of the Indian men's freestyle unit. The three-time World Championships gold medallist is the strongest contender for the post among the applicants who have submitted their CVs to the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI).

The WFI had on September 30, invited applications for the post of foreign coaches in all three styles — men's freestyle and Greco-Roman and women's wrestling. The last date for submission of the applications was November 15. It is understood that most of the applicants showed interest in men's freestyle coaching. The applicants are said to be from Uzbekistan, Turkey, Kazakhstan and Russia.

The invitation said that the engagement of these foreign coaches is aimed at the preparation of the national teams for the 2026 Asian Games. The contract, however, could be extended with mutual agreement keeping the performance of coaches in mind till the 2028 Los Angeles Games, read the invitation letter.

Anatoly and his more famous twin brother Sergey, who won Olympic gold twice (1980 and 1984), have a freestyle wrestling meet in their name which is held annually in Kaliningrad, Russia. Both were also inducted into the FILA International Wrestling Hall of Fame. Anatoly has coached a lot of national



Anatoly Beloglavov | **INSTAGRAM**

teams in the past including Russia, Australia, China, Belarus and Canada. During his tenure as the head coach, he helped wrestlers from these nations win medals at various international events including Olympics. "Anatoly's CV looks the most impressive. The WFI had a talk with him. The only issue that is delaying the appointment is the salary he is expecting. He is expecting US\$10,000 per month but the federation is trying to negotiate. If he agrees, then

his appointment is almost certain," a WFI source in the know of things told this daily.

The WFI has apprised the Sports Authority of India (SAI) through the ACTC (annual calendar for training and competition) about the applications it received from foreign coaches. Once a decision is made, the SAI will have a video interview before finalising terms and conditions of the contract. The federation, however, has not yet finalised a candidate in the Greco-Roman style. "Candidatures have been received but most of them are not strong enough," said the source.

USA's Cook seeks return

Interestingly, former India women's team coach Andrew Cook has also shown interest to re-join. Cook was hired in 2018 on a monthly salary of US\$ 4,500 but his contract was terminated three months before deadline in June 2020. The federation had said then that the American coach didn't take part in the SAI's online classes as was instructed which had led to his ouster. Cook had denied the allegations and said he only changed the topic for online classes.

Full story: [newindianexpress.com](#)

EXPRESS READ

Lakshita and Sharvan win mixed team gold

NEW DELHI: Army's pairing of Lakshita Bishnoi and Sharvan Kumar won the 10m air pistol mixed team gold medal match at the 68th National Shooting Championship Competitions (Shotgun), here. Laskhita and Sharvan defeated Haryana's Suruchi Singh and Samrat Rana 16-10 to seal the title.

SLC appoints Shanaka as skipper for T20 WC

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka named Dasun Shanaka as skipper of its 25-member squad for the T20 World Cup as the co-hosts removed Charith Asalanka as the leader of side. Pramodaya Wickramasingha, who is back as the chairman of selectors, said Asalanka's poor batting form led to that decision.

Pant to lead Delhi, Kohli also available

NEW DELHI: India's Test vice-captain Rishabh Pant has been named captain of the Delhi team with Virat Kohli also set to be available for a couple of games in the National One-Day Championship for the Vijay Hazare Trophy starting December 24. Pacer Harshit Rana is also open to play.

ISL franchises propose club-owned league

NEW DELHI: ISL clubs formally proposed a fundamental restructuring of the country's top-tier pro football league, seeking perpetual operational and commercial rights for a club-owned league model while retaining the AIFF as the sport's regulator. However, AIFF said the proposal was "unacceptable".

GLOBAL CHESS LEAGUE

Constant spotlight: Noise surrounding world champ Gukesh

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Chennai

CHESS players are notorious for not exhibiting emotions immediately after the match. Even if it's a positive result, they are more focused on rearranging the pieces while having an immediate post game debrief with their opponents across the table. It's how its been for more than a century. Emotions are reserved for very special occasions like winning the World Cup or the World Championship.

D Gukesh made a break from that unwritten convention after seeing off Fabiano Caruana at the Global Chess League (GCL) on Thursday. On the

competition's fifth day, the 19-year-old, winless after four games, played precise chess with the white pieces to put the US GM under immediate pressure. Caruana, against the clock, threw in the towel with a few seconds remaining and with check mate around the corner. Gukesh immediately fist-pumped not once but two times. The world champion, representing PBG Alaskan Knights, had won his first game of the meet. Immediately, the crowd inside the Royal Opera House started serenading the Indian with chants of 'Gukesh, Gukesh'. It's natural to understand why there's always intense scrutiny on Gukesh. India may be a sports-loving



R Praggnanandhaa (L) won the all-Indian tie against Vidit Gujrathi on Friday | **GA**

nation but it's still a country that hasn't produced enough world-beating champions. It's why there's always a spotlight — and adulation — on the champions it has produced, both current and former. That feeling is exacerbated in chess, a game enjoying a boom time in

India thanks to the achievements of Gukesh and his peers over the last three years or so both in individual and team events, where there are three Indian men in the world's top-10 (four Indian women in the world's top-20 among women). But Gukesh is an outlier to

most of the other champions in India because he has generally been interview shy. Since becoming world champion in that heady Singapore night over a year ago, you can count on your fingers the number of full interviews he has granted to Indian publications outside of Chessbase India. He generally doesn't talk during tournaments — something common to a lot of elite chess players outside of the cursory comments related to the match — but outside it, it's very understandable that he likes to sit out.

Results (Day Six): Alpine SG Pipers 12-8 Triveni Continental Kings, PBG Alaskan Knights 9-7 Fyers American Gambits, Ugradad Mumbai Masters 11-6 Ganges Grandmasters. Full story: [newindianexpress.com](#)

SatChi post 3rd straight win to enter last four

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

SATWIKSAIRAJ Rankiredy and Chirag Shetty are enjoying a dream run in the ongoing BWF World Tour Finals in Hangzhou, China. On Friday, they recorded their third consecutive win to secure a spot in the last-four stage. They beat No 2 seeds Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik (Malaysia) in three games — 17-21, 21-18, 21-15 — to finish as Group B toppers.

As had been the case in the previous matches, the Indian duo had to dig deep to get over the line. Like their first match of the event, the Indians conceded the opening game before staging a fightback in the remaining games. The highly-

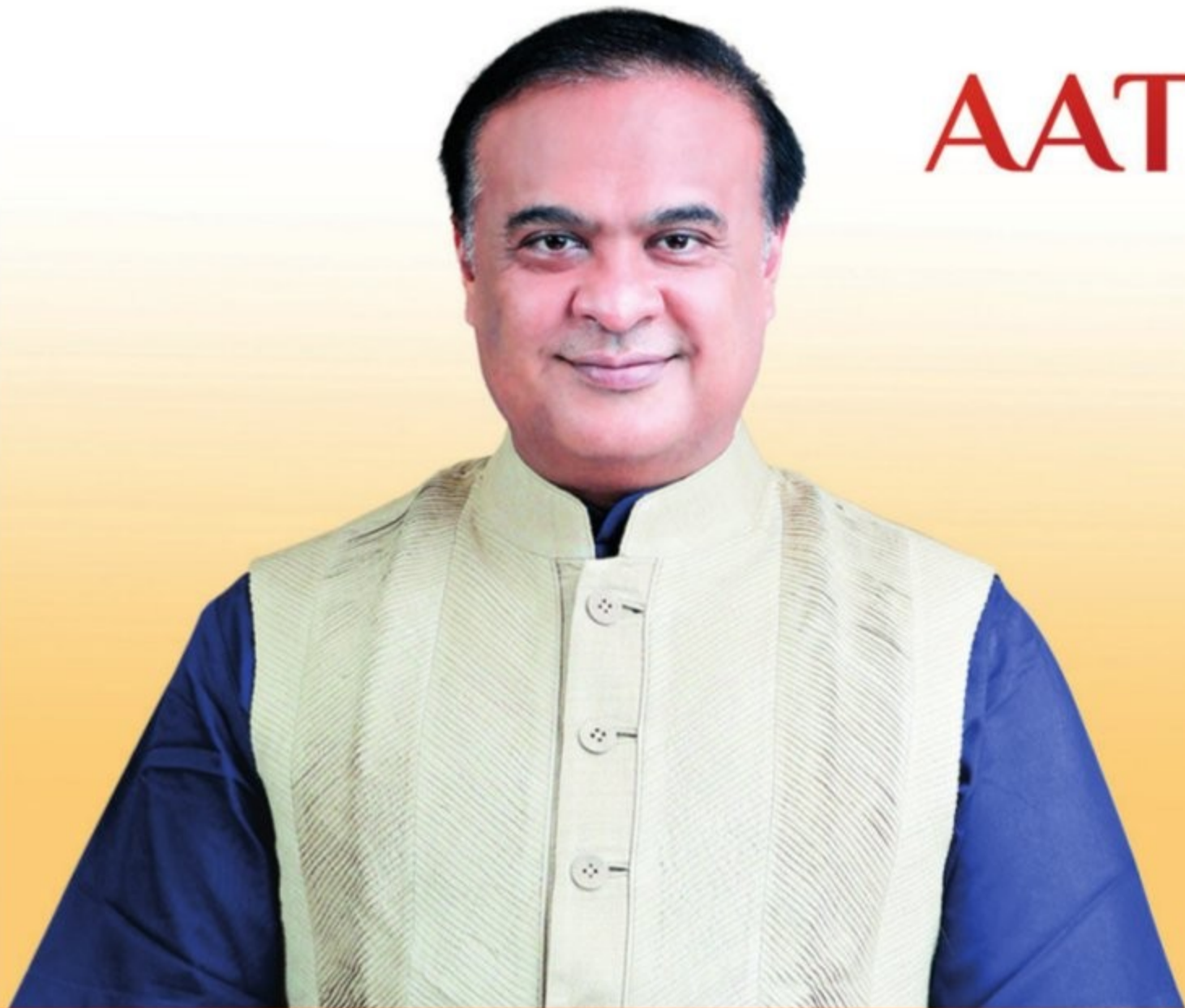


Chirag Shetty (L) and Satwiksairaj Rankiredy | **BWF/BADMINTON PHOTO**

engaging contest lasted 70 minutes. Incidentally, this is the first time they'll be competing in the knockout stage of the elite-level event. They'll face China's Liang Wei Kang and Wang Chang, whom they beat in the opening match, in the last-four stage on Saturday.



A Milestone Towards
AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT
in Fertilizer Production



Bhoomipujan

Ammonia-Urea Fertilizer Plant

of Assam Valley Fertilizer and Chemical Company Limited (AVFCCL)

at Namrup

Chief Guest

Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

in august presence of

Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya
Governor, Assam

Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma
Chief Minister, Assam

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal
Union Minister, Ports, Shipping & Waterways

Shri Bimal Borah
Minister, Industries, Commerce & PE, etc., Assam

Shri Prasanta Phukan
Minister, Power, etc., Assam

Shri Jogen Mohan
Minister, PW (Building & NH), etc., Assam &
Guardian Minister, Dibrugarh

Shri Rameswar Teli
MP, Rajya Sabha

Shri Taranga Gogoi
MLA, Naharkatia LAC

Shri Punakan Baruah
MLA, Chabua LAC

Shri Terash Gowalla
MLA, Duliajan LAC

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Shri Binod Hazarika
MLA, Lahowal LAC



21 December 2025



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Project Cost
₹10,600
crore

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Production Capacity

12.7 lakh MT/year

Ammonia
2,200
MT/day

Urea
3,850
MT/day



Total area
425 acre

Plant area
185 acre

Scheduled
commissioning
2030



Project to benefit from

- ▶ Natural gas supply from Oil India Limited
- ▶ Water availability from Dilli River
- ▶ Strong industrial ecosystem and connectivity
- ▶ Proximity to major agricultural markets of North East & Eastern India

Benefits & Impact

- Reduce India's urea imports
- Meet urea requirement of Assam & entire NE
- Timely supply of urea to NE and Eastern India
- Reduced cost of urea in NE due to cut in transportation cost
- Drive large-scale economic activities around the plant
- Expected to generate 300+ direct, 1000+ indirect jobs

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DAY'S DIARY

New administration

Macau officially became the Macau Special Administrative Region of China on this day in 1999, marking the end of 442 years of Portuguese rule

CONQUERING PLACES

In the 1550s, Portuguese settled in Macau. After the Opium War, the Portuguese gov't took advantage of the defeat, and occupied Taipa Island and Coloane Island to the south of Macao



A DECLARATION

In the 1940s, Macau was declared a neutral territory and became a refuge for Chinese and Europeans. Portugal officially made Macau an overseas province in 1951



THE END OF INVASION

After the Joint Declaration between China and Portugal, in 1976, the two countries reached a common understanding that Macao was Chinese territory

A curated guide of the
best events in the city

PG 2

A unique walk through Lal Bagh, set to happen this weekend, will introduce people to the rich biodiversity of the park through stories from the *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata*



MAHIMA NAGARAJU

HE story goes that... Bheema, wanting to prank his beloved wife – Draupadi – chopped up a shalmali tree's trunk, placed it on his bed and hid it under some blankets. Oblivious to this, Draupadi came by and as she did often, began massaging what she believed were her husband's legs. But 'his' unnatural quietness and stillness slowly made her suspicious and when she starts to hear the distant sounds of laughter, those suspicions are confirmed. "She flies into a rage and curses the shalmali tree to grow thorns, so that no woman will mistake it for a man's leg again," Anupriya Kanti tells the story with a laugh, as he does on his curated walks through

Lal Bagh, encouraging participants to feel and engage with the trees, plants, and natural formations in the garden while learning all about the myths and folk tales that have been told about them.

For Kanti, who has taken part in and been part of organising walks in Delhi and Bengaluru, this approach to combining nature with mythology emerged from the history walks that the city sees plenty of. He says, "There are some amazing walks happening in the city, in Lal Bagh too, but I noticed that a lot of them just covered colonial history despite the fact that the park has huge botanical variety that have cultural significance across civilisations." With this in mind, he started Before and Beyond History Walks, combining botanical information about the plants in the park and their pre-

historic roots while telling stories across cultures from Greek myths to Filipino folktales.

The walk set to happen this weekend focuses specifically on the Indian Epics – the *Mahabharata* and *Ramayana*. "Right now, mythology has become a little bit of a polarised term – with people either trying to prove that mythology is history or completely dismissing mythology. I'm not trying to say that they are real or not, I'm saying that they mean something to us as a civilisation. Through the walk, your relationship with the stories, the garden and your way of seeing nature will also change," he says.

To encourage people to look at the epics with fresh eyes, as they are doing so with the park, Kanti has curated stories that may have slipped through familiar mainstream narratives. "I have gone into local Kannada

folklore and even stories from foreign countries that people may not be familiar with," he says, adding, "We'll also be talking about how the tradition has evolved – for example, with the *Ramayana*, you have Valmiki's Sanskrit version, but also versions around the globe and modern adaptations that change the story."

This weekend, roll out of bed and escape into nature and the world of stories our ancestors made with it – after all, unlike the heroes of these epics who had to brave the natural world for years in exile, we can come back to city life anytime.

(On Saturday, the 'Ramayana Quest' will be held at 7.30am and 'Mahabharata Quest' at 3pm. Vice-versa on Sunday. To book, visit @prihitorica on Instagram. Prices range from ₹599 to ₹999)



YOUR
GUIDE TO
GETAWAYS
AROUND THE
CITY

NELUGUDDE KERE RESERVOIR

Distance
from B'uru:
Approx. 95 km

Getting there:
Accessible by
private vehicle

Timings:
6am to
6pm

Best time to visit: Till February

HIGHLIGHTS

A quiet reservoir surrounded by rolling hills and farmland, Nellugudde Kere is ideal for a slow day trip, sunset views and moments of calm away from the city bustle.



CITY READ



Carol singing event held as part of seasonal observances

Carols by Candlelight service of St John's Church, Cleveland Town, recently brought together contemporary and traditional Christmas music to the city. The service was led by the church choir under the direction of Samuel Samson, with musical accompaniment by Santosh Baynes. Centred on the tradition of carol singing, the programme reflected themes associated with the birth of Jesus and the broader Christmas narrative. The gathering offered an evening focused on music, reflection and shared celebration of the season.

Community carol singing returns

The community carol of the Yuletide Singers of Cooke Town area will return at Milton Street Park, Cooke Town, on December 21, at 6pm, marking a seasonal tradition that brings together residents and visitors through music. The one-hour programme features traditional Christmas carols sung collectively, accompanied by musicians, and is open to all. The gathering began in the early 2000s as a small effort to bring Christmas cheer to elderly and terminally ill residents. Over the years, it has grown into an annual event focused on community bonding and shared celebration.

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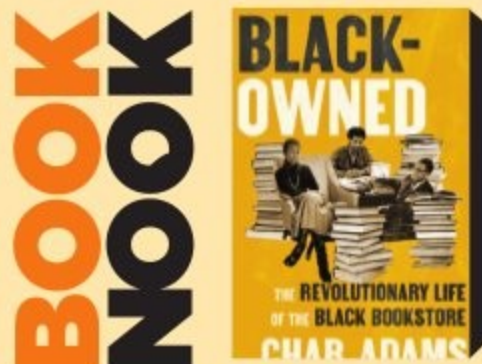
Hi Life Exhibition in Bengaluru

Bengaluru, step into the year-end in fashion with the spectacular Hi Life Exhibition. Discover designer wear, couture creations, jewellery, lifestyle collections, and statement accessories – all curated to elevate your year-end

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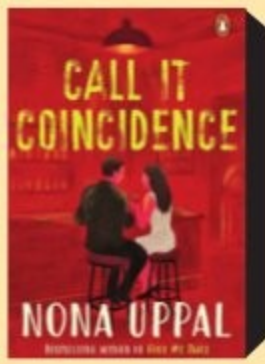
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Black-Owned: The Revolutionary Life of the Black Bookstore
by Char Adams

The book celebrates the history of Black bookstores and their role as centerpieces of resistance and liberation. From the author's in-depth research and reporting, Black-Owned is a story of activism, espionage, violence, and perseverance.



Call It Coincidence
by Nona Uppal

Twenty-five-year-old Naina's world collides with Vatsal, lawyer-to-be, leading to a date. Then there comes one Diwali party where they drift apart only to meet three years later. Will Naina overcome the pain and Vatsal fight his fears this time around?



Never Logged Out: How the Internet Created India's Gen Z
by Ria Chopra

In eight essays, each posing questions about selfhood, love, memory, privacy, anonymity, knowledge, fame and ambition, the book interrogates how the internet makes and breaks this generation.



Beneath Magnolia Skies
by Mona Chettri, Prava Rai (eds.)

This anthology brings together homemakers, teachers, students, professionals, cultural practitioners, researchers and artists, each offering a unique lens into everyday life in the region.



CLASSICAL RHYTHMS

Bharatanatyam students of Chitra Centre for Performing Arts perform at the Siri 2025 Award ceremony at Ravindra Kalakshetra, JC Road | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICKFIX

SPINACH AND CORN PANCAKES

INGREDIENTS

- Spinach (finely chopped): 1 bunch
- Besan: 2 tsp
- Salt: 1tsp
- Water: 1/2 cup
- Chilli flakes: 1 tsp
- Oregano: 1 tsp
- Corn: 1 cup

METHOD

- In a bowl, add chopped spinach, corn, besan, chilli flakes, salt and oregano. Mix it well with water.
- Once the mixture is tight, make small portions of it and place it on a pan.
- Grease some oil, fry the spinach and corn mixture.
- Once done serve it hot with sauce.



Contributed by C Sarvani, Hyderabad

WHATWHENWHYWHERE



Wine Not

This wine-tasting evening features 12 carefully selected wine pours, offering guests a chance to explore a variety of international styles. The experience is paired with specially curated dishes by chef Manu Chandra to make it an engaging and well-rounded tasting experience.

- WHEN: December 20, 7pm
- WHERE: Lupa, MG Road
- DETAILS: puttingscene.com

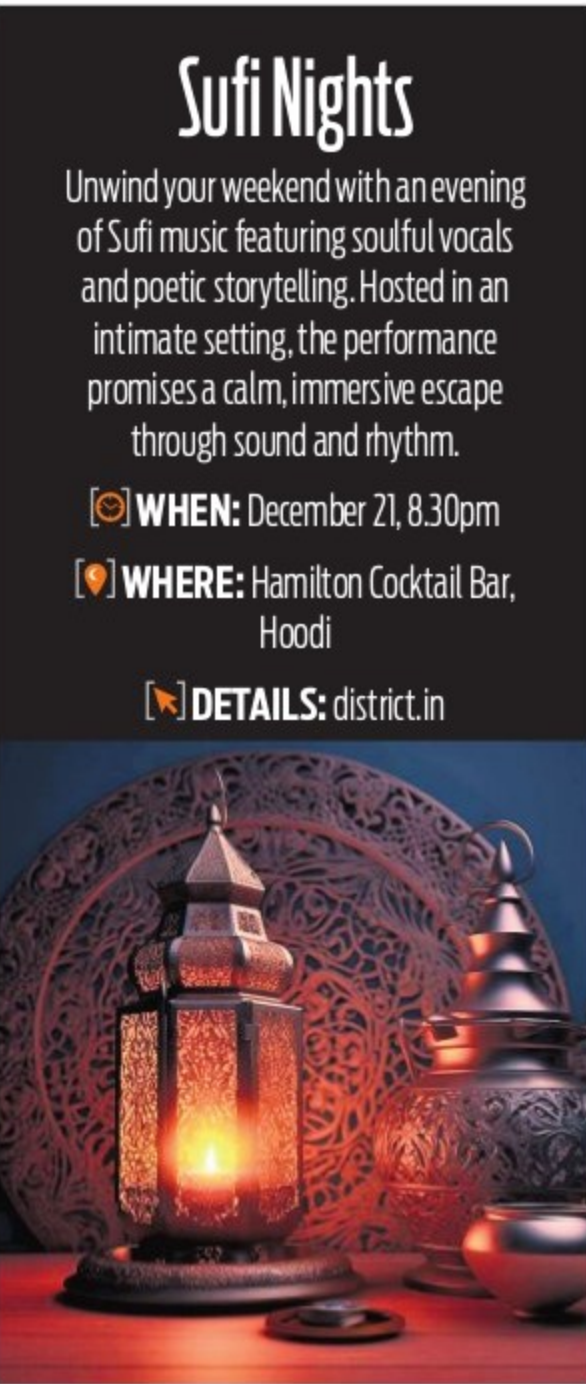


DECLARATION

I, **SALMA BANO** Wife of Syed Afsar Residing at No.41, South Cross Street, Neelasandra, Bangalore- 560047, have corrected my name from **Salma Taj** to **Salma Bano** and declare that both the names belong to me vide Affidavit dt: 06-12-2025 before Notary Ganesh Gowda M V., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HORACE MACHADO**, aged about 76 years, son of late Harry J. Machado, presently residing at D 203, Casagrand Boulevard, Chikkagubbi Main Road, Off Hennur Main Road, Doddagubbi, Bengaluru - 560 077, declare that the names **HORACE MACHADO**, **HORACE HUGH MACHADO**, and **HORACE H. MACHADO** belong to me only and all three names belong to one and the same person vide Affidavit dated 08 July 2019 sworn to before Sri. B. M. Chandrashekar, Advocate and Notary Public, No. LAW 408, LCL 98, Government of Karnataka, BDA Complex, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560 034.



Sufi Nights

Unwind your weekend with an evening of Sufi music featuring soulful vocals and poetic storytelling. Hosted in an intimate setting, the performance promises a calm, immersive escape through sound and rhythm.

- WHEN: December 21, 8.30pm
- WHERE: Hamilton Cocktail Bar, Hoodi
- DETAILS: district.in

Laughter Therapy

Immerse yourself in an audio-visual stand-up experience as **Vir Das** blends humour with sound, stories and sharp observations on contemporary India in Sounds of India. The show moves between laughter and reflection, making for a memorable weekend evening.

- WHEN: December 21, 4pm
- WHERE: Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte
- DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Retro Rewind

Relive the golden era of Kannada music at this one-hour retro jamming session featuring classic songs, followed by a request segment and upbeat numbers. The session is open to all age groups, with food and beverages available à la carte.

- WHEN: December 21, 4pm onwards
- WHERE: Silaa The Garden Cafe, HSR Layout
- DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Mudra Magic

Witness **Ruchita Shastri's** Bharatanatyam Rangapravesh, marking a milestone in her classical dance journey. Presented by Leela Natya Kalavinda, the evening features a traditional repertoire performed with live music, reflecting years of rigorous training and artistic dedication.

Sea Tones

Explore resin art at this hands-on workshop where participants create a beach-inspired artwork using soft pink and blue tones. The session includes guided instruction, all materials and time to complete and take home an original resin piece.

- WHEN: December 20, 11.30am
- WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
- DETAILS: artbeatclasses.com



NOWSTREAMING

FITBIT

REGIONAL



PHARMA (Malayalam, series)

A medical sales rep excels at selling KydoXin, but upon learning of its harmful effects on patients, he faces a moral crisis and must decide whether to challenge the corporate powers behind it.

- Cast: Nivin Pauly, Shruti Ramachandran, Narain
- Watch on: JioHotstar

FOUR MORE SHOTS PLEASE! (Hindi, series)

In this finale season, our girls will wrestle to uphold their pact while fiercely championing each other. In the end, they will triumph over their struggles, emerging stronger, freer and more joyous.

- Cast: Sayani Gupta, Bani J, Kirti Kulhari, Maanvi Gargoo
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



FOREIGN

DIE MY LOVE (English)

Grace and her partner Jackson move into an old country house. She pursues her dream of writing, and the couple welcome a baby soon after. However, with Jackson frequently absent, and the pressures of domestic life weighing on her, Grace begins to unravel, leaving a path of destruction in her wake.

- Cast: Jennifer Lawrence, Robert Pattinson, LaKeith Stanfield
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



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Prime Video	₹ 299/month
Jio Cinema	₹ 999/year
Disney+ Hotstar	₹ 899/year
Zee5	₹ 699/year
Viki Rakuten	₹ 299/month
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STARTING THE DAY RIGHT CAN IMPACT ENERGY LEVELS

Many people begin their mornings already feeling tired, reaching for the snooze button, skipping hydration, or rushing through breakfast. While this may feel harmless, how you start your day has a lasting impact on energy, focus, and mood. Energy dips aren't always caused by poor sleep alone. Often, it's the absence of simple morning habits that leaves the body struggling to fully wake up.

WHY MORNINGS PLAY A KEY ROLE IN DAILY ENERGY

- After hours of rest, the body requires movement, light and hydration to shift from sleep mode to alertness. Skipping these cues can lead to sluggishness that lasts all day.
- Even mild dehydration can cause fatigue and brain fog. Starting the day without water slows circulation and concentration.
- Consistent morning habits help regulate cortisol and melatonin, improving both daytime energy and nighttime sleep.

SMALL MORNING HABITS THAT MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

- Get out of bed without delay: Avoid repeatedly hitting snooze. Interrupted sleep cycles can make you feel groggy rather than rested.
- Hydrate before anything else: A large glass of water soon after waking helps activate digestion and improves alertness.
- Stretch or move gently: Simple stretches or light movement release endorphins and loosen muscles that stiffen during sleep.

- Eat a balanced breakfast: Meals with protein, fibre, and healthy fats provide steady energy. Sugary breakfast foods may cause energy crashes later.
- Step into natural light: Morning sunlight supports vitamin D production and helps reset your internal body clock.
- Choose caffeine wisely: One cup of coffee or green tea can enhance focus. Excess caffeine, however, may lead to restlessness and fatigue later.
- Make mornings enjoyable: Music, a short walk, breathing exercises, or a calm moment of reflection can set a positive tone for the day.

Sustained energy doesn't come from quick fixes, it's built through consistent habits. Simple morning routines that support hydration, nourishment, and movement can significantly improve how you feel throughout the day. Over time, these small actions add up, helping you stay more focused, resilient, and energised.



By Madhura P Behki, nutrition expert, cult – a fitness and wellness platform

ARTCORNER



INNOCENT CONVERSATIONS

Artist Deepthi Jayan's acrylic on canvas shows how a young boy's innocence and wonder when a goat peeks through a window

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS CLASSIFIEDS

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NAFIA SAIFY D/o Ejaz Faiyaz Shaikh** R/at No. 403, fourth floor, Lotus pride, 3rd cross, MLA Layout, Kalina Agrahara, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076 have changed my name to **NAFIA EJAZ SHAIKH** vide affidavit dated: 15/12/2025 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SWETHA G.**, aged about 36 Years D/o **GOVINDARAJ**, R/at 25/26, Anjaneya Badavane, Near Ganga Nagara, Thotadagudadahalli, Bangalore North, Nagasandra, Bangalore-560073, have changed my name from **SWETHA KULKARNI** to **SWETHA G** vide affidavit dated: 19/12/2025 Before Notary **Vanajakshi. R** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) **NIIGUDKAR AVDHUT DIGAMBAR**, Residing at #1808, 4th Floor, 4th cross, MCECHS layout, Phase 2, Dr. S.R.K Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka 560077. have changed my name from (OLD NAME) **NIIGUDKAR AVDHUT DIGAMBAR** to (NEW NAME) **AVADHUT NIIGUDKAR** vide affidavit dated 15.12.2025 sworn before Notary **V.Srinivasa Reddy**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) **AFHSHANA TAJ**, Residing at No.85, Opp. C.A.R. Police Quarters, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560 018. have changed my name from (OLD NAME) **AFHSHANA TAJ** to (NEW NAME) **AFSHANA TAJ** vide affidavit dated 17.12.2025 sworn before Notary **V.Rajashekara**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MALLAPPA HUBBALLI** S/o Mahalingappa, Resident at No.21/42, 15th Cross, 5th Temple Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003, Karnataka, have changed my name from **MALLAPPA HUBBALLI** to **MALLAPPA MAHALINGAPPA HUBBALLI**, vide affidavit dated 11.12.2025, sworn before Notary **B.M.Chandrashekar**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **R. Geeta** resident at #19, J. J. Oak, # 400, 4th Floor, 4th Cross 'Nisarga Orchids', Nagarbhavi II Stage, Papareddypalya, Bangalore - 560 072, have changed my name as **Geeta Ramakant Inamdar** vide affidavit dated : 28.11.2025, sworn before Notary **Mrs. K. C. Shashikala**, Bangalore-560 040.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) **PARSAM SRINIVASA RAO**, father of NO.16113721A, HAV, VENKATESWARA RAO PULI, Residing at Papaya Palem (Vill), Papaya Palem (Post), Kothapet (Tehsil), Prakasam (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 523209. Have Changed my name to (NEW NAME) **PARSAM SRINIVASARAO** And DOB from 02.10.1971 to 01.01.1971 Vide Affidavit Dated 18.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary **MEER HASSAN BANGALORE**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) **P TIRUPATHAMMA**, mother of NO.16113721A, HAV, VENKATESWARA RAO PULI, Residing at Papaya Palem (Vill), Papaya Palem (Post), Kothapet (Tehsil), Prakasam (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 523157. Have Changed my name to (NEW NAME) **PULI P TIRUPATHAMMA** And DOB from 01.07.1956 to 01.01.1956 Vide Affidavit Dated 17.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary **MEER HASSAN BANGALORE**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) **RITU DEVI OJHA**, Spouse of NO.5758600P, HAV, KAMALA KANT OJHA, Residing at Lahana (Vill), Kanjiharuan (Post), Buxar (Dist), BIHAR (State), PIN: 802126. Have Changed my name to (NEW NAME) **RITU DEVI** And DOB from 30.10.1985 to 07.02.1988 Vide Affidavit Dated 18.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary **MEER HASSAN BANGALORE**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) **SATYANARAYANA P.**, father of NO.16113721A, HAV, VENKATESWARA RAO PULI, Residing at Papaya Palem (Vill), Papaya Palem (Post), Kothapet (Tehsil), Prakasam (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 523157. Have Changed my name to (NEW NAME) **PULI SATYANARAYANA** And DOB from 01.07.1951 to 01.01.1951 Vide Affidavit Dated 17.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary **MEER HASSAN BANGALORE**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) **PAKA SUPRAJA**, Spouse of NO.16130444W, NK, PAKA KOTI, Residing at House No.3-8/1, Ambala (Vill), Kankapura (Tehsil), Hamnakonda (Dist), TELANGANA (State), PIN: 505102, Have Changed my name to (NEW NAME) **CHILAGANI SUPRAJA** Vide Affidavit Dated 18.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary **MEER HASSAN BANGALORE**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SEETHA**, spouse of HFO S **RAMALINGAM** (Retd.) (Service Number 245422S), presently residing at # 462/8, Rajeev Nagar, Defence Colony, Opp. KSRR Campus, Choolakata, Bangalore-560099, Karnataka, have changed my name from **SEETHA** to **SEETHAI R** and my date of birth is 21-12-1953 (Twenty first day of December Nineteen Fifty Three), vide affidavit dated 18-12-2025 before Notary **JALANDHARA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PALLAVI HARSHADEEP**, W/o Harshadeep Srinivasa, aged about 44 years, R/at No.1006, 24th Main, 13th Cross, Bidarhalli, Banshankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560070. have changed my name from **PALLAVI S** to "PALLAVI HARSHADEEP" vide Affidavit dated 18/12/2025 sworn to before **NEHA BADDI**, Advocate & Notary at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SANTOSH RAVANI** W/o Rohan Shantilal Dholu aged about 24 years, Residing at No.196, 2nd Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony Extension, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043. Have Changed my Name **SANTOSH RAVANI** to **SIYA ROHAN DHOLU** vide affidavit Dated:18.12.2025 before Notary **S.Subashini** Bangalore. Aadhar No.: 8911 0017 5416

AFFIDAVIT

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RADHEY SHYAM**, Father of 16023354X Rank: HAV Name **ANIL KUMAR** residing at Village- Manai, Po-Manai, The-Kol, District-Allgarh, Uttar Pradesh-202121, have changed my name from **RADHEY SHYAM** to **RADHE SHYAM** & my date of birth is 01 Sep 1957, vide affidavit dated: 17-12-2025 before Notary, Sivakumara M.N. Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KIMYA MUDALIYAR**, age 19 years, R/at No. 269, 7th Avenue, Near MNTI Polytechnic, Vishveshwaraiah Layout, Kammgondanahalli, Jalalahalli West, Bangalore-560 015 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **KIMYA UDAYA KUMAR** and **KIMYA MUDALIYAR** are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name to **KIMYA MUDALIYAR**, vide affidavit dated 17th Dec. 2025, sworn before Notary **I. KANIKHA RAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUBA. P** (DOB: 22-05-1980) W/o Mr. Harikrishnan, K. R/o: # 6/2, 5th Cross, Chitra Layout, Attur, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560064, have changed my name from **SUBA. P** to **SUBHA HARIKRISHNAN** Vide Affidavit dated: 19-12-2025, sworn before Notary Public **G.P. CHAYA**, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Awan Pasha. S/o. Athar Pasha**, Residing at No. 61, 6th Cross Hennur Garden Main Road, Hennur Bande Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore-560043 have changed my name to **AWAN PASHA .A** affidavit dated 18/12/2025 sworn before advocate and notary **Meer Hassan**, Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT

I, **E.ESWARAN**, aged about 54 years, S/o. Sri Marudana Muthali, residing at No. 47, 4th Main, 5th Cross, Naidu Layout, Near Shiriram Aditya Apartment Gate No. 2, Bangalore-560061, Karnataka, do hereby declare that above names i.e., **M.ESWARAN, ESWARAN M & ESWARAN**, names belong to me only, vide affidavit dated 17.12.2025, sworn to before **S.N. Madhu**, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **P. A. RAMESH SHETTY**, Son of Sri. Pathi Adinaranih, aged about 77 Years, Residing at No. 252/1, Sindhur Middle School Road, V V Puram, Basavanagudi, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560004, have changed my name to "P. A. RAMESH." vide affidavit dated 17/12/2025, Sworn to before Notary **K.P.Ramesh**, Advocate at Bengaluru .

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **T S KAVITHA**, W/o Mr. C. Uday Kumar, age 45 years, /at No. 269, 7th Avenue, Near MNTI Polytechnic, Vishveshwaraiah Layout, Kammgondanahalli, Jalalahalli West, Bangalore-560 015 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **KAVITHA UDAYA KUMAR** and **T S KAVITHA** are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name to **T S KAVITHA**, vide affidavit dated 17th Dec. 2025, sworn before Notary **I. KANIKHA RAJA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SRI NAGAPRASAD E**, aged about 31 years, S/o, Sri Eswaran M, residing at No. 26, Swetha Nagaprasad Ilam, 1st Floor, 4th Main, 5th Cross, Naidu Layout, Near Shiriram Aditya Apartment, Gate No.2, Bangalore-560061, Karnataka, do hereby declare that above names i.e., **NAGAPRASAD E & NAGAPRASAD**, names belong to me only, vide affidavit dated 17.12.2025, sworn to before **S.N. Madhu**, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NEVITHA RASHMI REDDY** D/o Nithish Sagar Reddy and Usha Sree Reddy, Aged about 28 years, R/o No.71/2, 1st Main road, Near Sri Rama Temple, Soranahuse, Varthur, Bangalore-560087 do hereby declare that I have changed my name **CHITHRA S S D/o Sri. S.O Srinivasa Reddy** and Smt. Premja J M to **NEVITHA RASHMI REDDY** D/o Nithish Sagar Reddy and Usha Sree Reddy as per court order vide OS No. 614/2025 dt: 23/08/2025. In The Court of Civil Judge and JMC at Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **L. Ramesh**, S/o Late Lingappaiah D, aged about 65 years, R/at No.49, MIG, Mathru Shree, 4th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru North-560 064, have changed my name from **Lingappaiah Ramesha** to **L. Ramesh**, vide affidavit Dated: 18.12.2025, Sworn to before **G R Ravichandradey**, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SATHISHGOWDA .B.P**, S/o Sri Puttaswamy B.N, age 36 years, R/at No. 53, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main Road, Nagasandra Post, Rukmininagara, Nagasandra, Bangalore-560 073 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **SATHISH GOWDA .B.P** and **SATHISH .B.P** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 18th December 2025, sworn before **Advocate and Notary T.V. BHADRAVIJAYA**, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Somshekhar M Govind Setty**, S/o, Late Muddaiah Govinda Setty, aged about 64 years, residing at No. 404, B Block, "SV Luxuria", VISL Layout, Kankapura Main Road, Near Silk Institute Metro Station, Talaghattapura, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560109, having Aadhar No. 2581 6912 4062, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Somshekhar M Govind Setty** to **Som Shekhar Setty**, vide affidavit dated 15-12-2025 sworn to before **PRAKASHA .C**, Advocate & Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HARISH .A**, S/o N.R. Anjinappa, age 40 years, R/o Nenumanahalli Village, Holuru Hobli, Kolar Taluk and District do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **MITHUN GOWDA .H** to **AARNAV GOWDA .H**, henceforth he shall be known and called as **AARNAV GOWDA .H** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12-12-2025, sworn before **Advocate & Notary K.M. VIJAYA KUMAR** at Kolar.

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Bengaluru Families to Create Community Wishing Tree Park at City Christmas Carnival

Families in Bengaluru will come together this Christmas to create a Community Wishing Tree Park at a one-day Christmas carnival on December 20. The event will be held from 3.00 pm to 9.30 pm at Obi Life, off Sarjapur Road, and will be open to the public through prior registration. The highlight of the carnival will be an illuminated North Star, around which nearly 100 miniature Christmas trees will be installed. Spread across a 100-foot open area, the wishing trees will display handwritten messages of hope and aspiration. The park will remain in place after the event, with the Obi North Star becoming a permanent feature. Set across two acres of open lawns, the carnival has been designed as an outdoor, hands-on celebration for families. The venue includes natural green spaces, existing trees and farm animals such as baby goats and ducks, offering an immersive alternative to conventional indoor festivities. In addition to the wishing tree park, the carnival will

feature live carol singing, letter writing to Santa, a meet-and-greet with Santa, hands-on art and craft activities, open play zones, and curated shopping and dining experiences. The event is being organised by Obi Life, a family learning enclave off Sarjapur Road that promotes experience-led, community-oriented environments. Founder Prasanth Madavana said the idea arose from reflections on how childhood has become increasingly structured, with limited scope for shared, unstructured experiences. Obi Life was conceptualised by Madavana along with his wife, Deena Jacob, co-founder and CFO of Open Financial Technologies, and his sister, Dr Dhanya. **Event Details:** **Venue:** Obi Life, off Sarjapur Road **Date:** December 20, 2025 **Time:** 3.00 pm to 9.30 pm **Registration:** <https://space.obi.life/> **(Referral code: OBINOEL25)**

The Angadi Soiree Brings Festive Cheer to Bengaluru with a Full-House Year-End Showcase

Angadi Heritage came alive with festive warmth and creative energy as The Angadi Soiree - Year-End Showcase successfully concluded on Friday, December 12. Drawing a large and enthusiastic crowd through the day, the event turned the iconic heritage space on Ashoka Pillar Road into a bustling celebration of craftsmanship, community, and Christmas cheer.

Featuring 40+ homegrown and artisanal brands, the showcase offered visitors an eclectic mix of clothing, fine and silver jewellery, handcrafted décor, beauty essentials, gourmet treats, stationery, perfumes, art, and festive gifting finds. The thoughtfully curated edit



highlighted independent creators and small businesses, making the soiree a meaningful platform for conscious and locally rooted shopping.

Beyond shopping, attendees engaged with a range of interactive experiences including gold foil painting, cake mixing, live sketching sessions, nail art, a Christmas quiz, lucky draws, and a much-loved hot chocolate station, adding to the warm, celebratory atmosphere of the day.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) **NIIGUDKAR AVDHUT DIGAMBAR**, Residing at #1808, 4th Floor, 4th cross, MCECHS layout, Phase 2, Dr. S.R.K Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka 560077. have changed my name from (OLD NAME) **NIIGUDKAR AVDHUT DIGAMBAR** to (NEW NAME) **AVADHUT NIIGUDKAR** vide affidavit dated 15.12.2025 sworn before Notary **V.Srinivasa Reddy**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) **AFHSHANA TAJ**, Residing at No.85, Opp. C.A.R. Police Quarters, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560 018. have changed my name from (OLD NAME) **AFHSHANA TAJ** to (NEW NAME) **AFSHANA TAJ** vide affidavit dated 17.12.2025 sworn before Notary **V.Rajashekara**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MALLAPPA HUBBALLI** S/o Mahalingappa, Resident at No.21/42, 15th Cross, 5th Temple Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003, Karnataka, have changed my name from **MALLAPPA HUBBALLI** to **MALLAPPA MAHALINGAPPA HUBBALLI**, vide affidavit dated 11.12.2025, sworn before Notary **B.M.Chandrashekar**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **R. Geeta** resident at #19, J. J. Oak, # 400, 4th Floor, 4th Cross 'Nisarga Orchids', Nagarbhavi II Stage, Papareddypalya, Bangalore - 560 072, have changed my name as **Geeta Ramakant Inamdar** vide affidavit dated : 28.11.2025, sworn before Notary **Mrs. K. C. Shashikala**, Bangalore-560 040.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) **PARSAM SRINIVASA RAO**, father of NO.16113721A, HAV, VENKATESWARA RAO PULI, Residing at Papaya Palem (Vill), Papaya Palem (Post), Kothapet (Tehsil), Prakasam (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 523209. Have Changed my name to (NEW NAME) **PARSAM SRINIVASARAO** And DOB from 02.10.1971 to 01.01.1971 Vide Affidavit Dated 18.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary **MEER HASSAN BANGALORE**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) **P TIRUPATHAMMA**, mother of NO.16113721A, HAV, VENKATESWARA RAO PULI, Residing at Papaya Palem (Vill), Papaya Palem (Post), Kothapet (Tehsil), Prakasam (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 523157. Have Changed my name to (NEW NAME) **PULI P TIRUPATHAMMA** And DOB from 01.07.1956 to 01.01.1956 Vide Affidavit Dated 17.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary **MEER HASSAN BANGALORE**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) **RITU DEVI OJHA**, Spouse of NO.5758600P, HAV, KAMALA KANT OJHA, Residing at Lahana (Vill), Kanjiharuan (Post), Buxar (Dist), BIHAR (State), PIN: 802126. Have Changed my name to (NEW NAME) **RITU DEVI** And DOB from 30.10.1985 to 07.02.1988 Vide Affidavit Dated 18.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary **MEER HASSAN BANGALORE**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) **SATYANARAYANA P.**, father of NO.16113721A, HAV, VENKATESWARA RAO PULI, Residing at Papaya Palem (Vill), Papaya Palem (Post), Kothapet (Tehsil), Prakasam (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 523157. Have Changed my name to (NEW NAME) **PULI SATYANARAYANA** And DOB from 01.07.1951 to 01.01.1951 Vide Affidavit Dated 17.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary **MEER HASSAN BANGALORE**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) **PAKA SUPRAJA**, Spouse of NO.16130444W, NK, PAKA KOTI, Residing at House No.3-8/1, Ambala (Vill), Kankapura (Tehsil), Hamnakonda (Dist), TELANGANA (State), PIN: 505102, Have Changed my name to (NEW NAME) **CHILAGANI SUPRAJA** Vide Affidavit Dated 18.12.2025 Sworn Before Notary **MEER HASSAN BANGALORE**

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Star Wars: Starfighter wraps production

CE FEATURES

DIRECTOR Shawn Levy announced the completion of *Star Wars: Starfighter* and shared a photo from the sets of the film. Ryan Gosling and Amy Adams lead the cast of the film, which is set to release in 2027. While the plot of the film is yet to be revealed, the story is set five years after the events of *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker* (2019). Talking about the film previously, Levy said, “Star Wars shaped my sense of what story can do, how characters and cinematic moments can live with us forever.”

Production on the film began in August 2025, with Lucasfilm announcing the full cast, which includes Flynn Gray, Mia Goth, Aaron Pierre, Simon Bird, Jamael Westman, Daniel Ings, and Matt Smith. Jonathan Tropper has written the film, which is produced by Levy and Kathleen Kennedy.

Unni Mukundan's Modi biopic begins

CE FEATURES

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's new biopic *Maa Vande* went on floors on Friday with a customary pooja ceremony. Malayalam actor Unni Mukundan plays Modi's role in the film, written and directed by Telugu filmmaker Kranthi Kumar CH. It is produced by Veer Reddy M under the Silver Cast Creations banner. Unni took to social media to share his excitement about playing Modi's part. Saying that he is grateful to play as Modi and that his attempt is to “go beyond power and physicality, and truthfully explore the emotional and psychological strength of the man.”

Maa Vande, billed as a pan-Indian project with releases planned in Hindi, English, and several regional languages.



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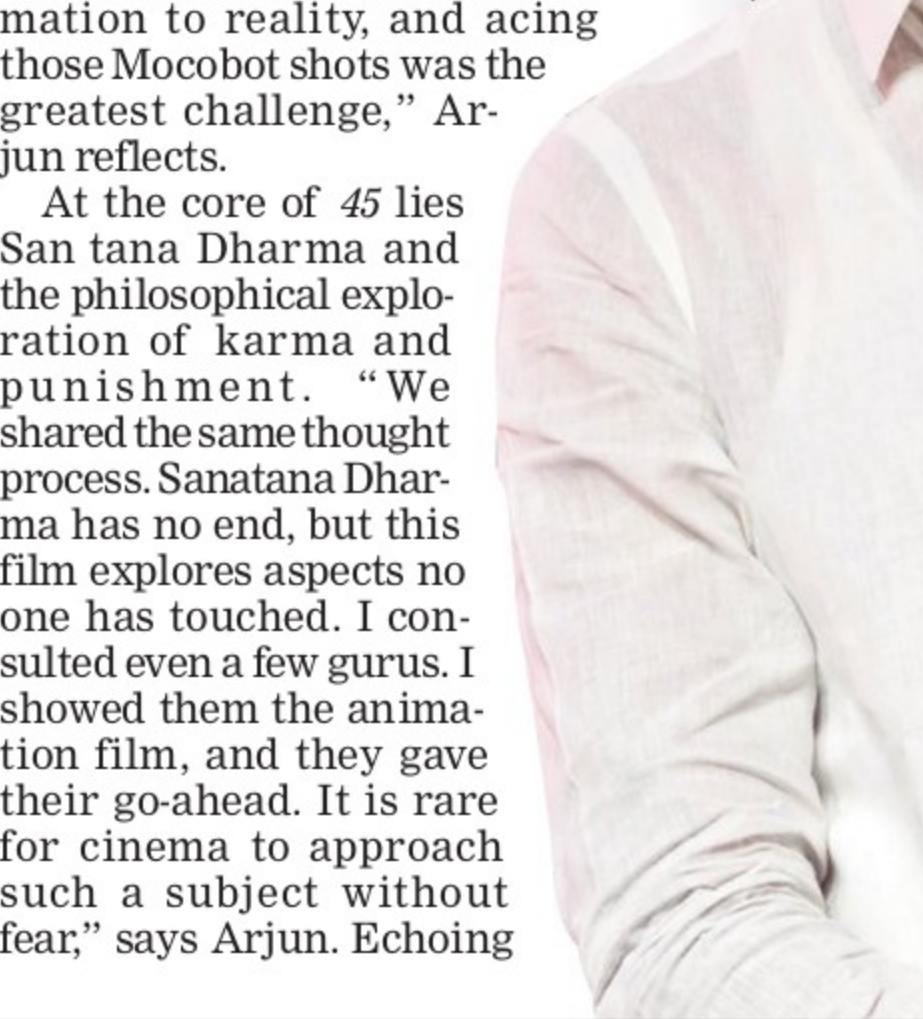
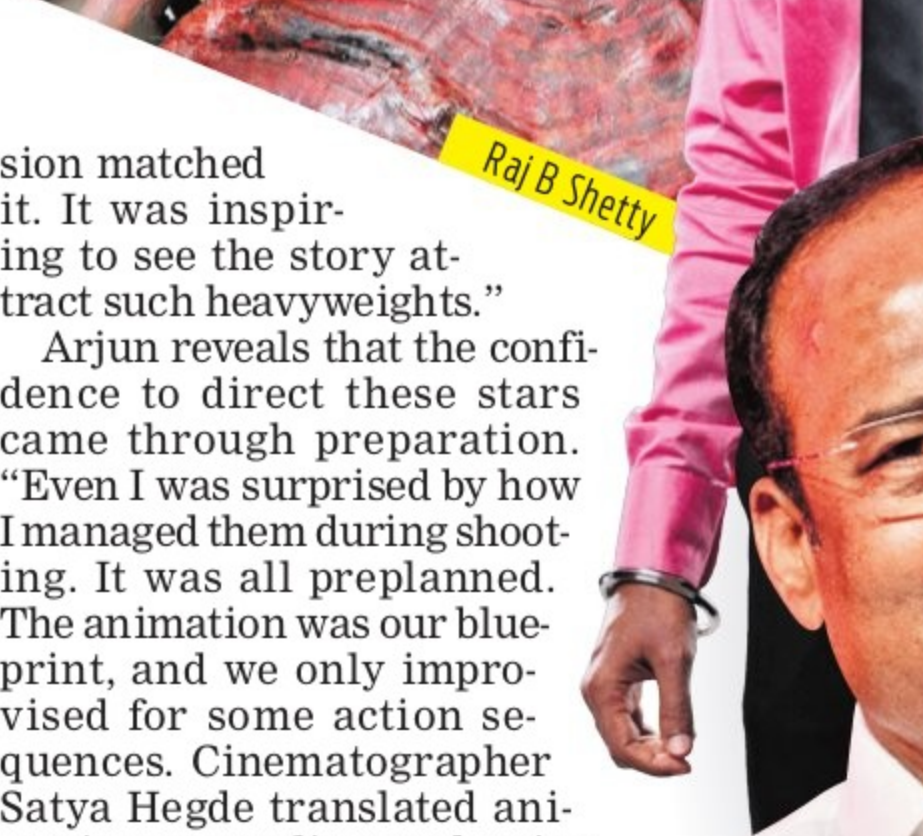
ARJUN Janya, whose name has defined melodies across more than 150 Kannada films, now has a new identity. He is debuting as a director with *45*. Never having imagined directing or writing a story, he finds himself orchestrating a universe where life, death, and destiny collide. “Some things are not planned. Direction was never in my mind. It happened suddenly, like fate written somewhere. For someone who never worked in direction, this is divine intervention,” he reveals.

For a music director accustomed to working from his desk, the move to direction demanded a leap of faith. Yet Arjun Janya's years of observing cinema became his classroom. “When you love something with passion, you do not have to be there to learn. It comes automatically. I loved watching films, fascinated by director Mani Ratnam's work and his framing, Ram Gopal Varma's style. Having done over 150 films as a music director, I absorbed instinctively what storytelling entails. I knew the shot and the energy without knowing technical terms. Everything was inside me.”

Producer Ramesh Reddy's journey follows the theme of perseverance central to the film. He came to Bengaluru from Mulbagalu at fourteen, started as a coolie, worked as a mestri and contractor, and eventually built his own company. “It is about the strength and love we put into work. The work gives back. That philosophy guided my decision to back *45*. The story was bold and unattempted. I had doubts about the execution, but Arjun showed me an animation version. Every frame was mapped, every sequence clear. Seeing it, I knew he could bring this vision to life. I never needed to go to sets. The preparation was convincing.”

The film's ensemble of Shivraj Kumar, Upendra, and Raj B Shetty came together for content and not convenience. “I had worked with Shivanna and Upendra as a music director, but that did not mean they had to accept my story. Many filmmakers approach them, but they know what fits them. Here, the combination made sense because the subject demanded it. They knew the value of this story and were happy to be part of it,” says Arjun Janya. Ramesh adds, “Shivanna has an aura that elevates any project, and he was joined by Upendra and Raj. Arjun's vi-

45 EXPLORES ASPECTS NO ONE HAS TOUCHED IN INDIAN CINEMA: ARJUN JANYA



From music desks to the director's chair, Arjun Janya, is joined by producer Ramesh Reddy, discusses the composer's debut directorial that fuses Sanatana Dharma, karma, and human connection, uniting Shivraj Kumar, Upendra, and Raj B Shetty

the sentiment, Ramesh says, “Many would hesitate to tackle this, but it was strength, not recklessness, that drove the project.”

Interestingly, Arjun Janya's personal spirituality added a layer to the story. “My life runs on it. With no background in music, this journey is the blessing of Adhi Parashakthi and Om Parashakti. During the climax, I abstained from non-veg. Even Ramesh followed rituals. Spirituality is not an accessory. It is woven into every frame, every character, every beat, and in our lives,” says the composer-turned-director.

The narrative of *45* balances cosmic weight with human relatability. While Shivanna embodies divine calm, Upendra reflects inevitability, and Raj portrays human struggle. Kaus-tuba Mani's limited but impactful role underscores that even small presences carry weight in this universe. “Every choice matters. Every action has consequences. The audience connects with human dilemmas through the stars and their divine counterparts. It is universal,” Arjun explains.

Drawing a parallel with contemporary life, Ramesh says, “Fifty years ago, security was simple. Open doors eventually lead to locks. Today, surveillance, CCTV, and guardianship mean our lives are watched. *45* mirrors that evolution spiritually and socially, showing responsibility, reflection, and morality.” Arjun adds, “I directed the film with the essence of my star actors in mind. Even their respective fans will experience the same. Human connection is where the audience takes away meaning. Everything else balances around it.”

Music remains central for Arjun, who has also composed the background score. “The energy, tone, and rhythm of music travel through characters. Music is part of the narrative fabric. It is storytelling,” he says.

45 is a pan-India film, which will initially release in Kannada on December 25, and in other languages from January 1. “Anything fascinating captures attention. Spirituality, philosophy, and human dilemmas resonate universally. The runtime is 2 hours and 16 minutes, yet it will completely immerse you. It is a film for every viewer, and that is rare.”

“My life, my instincts, my music—they all reside in *45*. It is a universe of reflection, ritual, connection, and storytelling force. As a commercial entertainer, it is also highly engaging. People will experience it in theatres. It cannot be explained beforehand. That is its power,” Arjun concludes.

PRASHANTH VALLAVAN

AVATAR: *Fire and Ash* is the fading echo of a breathtaking song. We return to Pandora; feel the caress of the wind, flow of the water, softness of its bioluminescence, and breath of every being. Decades later, you still feel the exhilarating rush when the Sullys soar the skies on top of their winged reptiles. When James Cameron takes the time to show us the children exploring the ocean, playing with their aquatic friends, it reminds us why the alien planet struck a chord with us, leaving us yearning for a place that never was, and a curious case of un-lived nostalgia sets in. As for the story itself, we keep finding echoes of earlier storytelling beats threaded through interesting moral quandaries set around the world and its characters, of which most of them are interesting, some of them stale, and all of them woefully underexplored.

We begin right after the events of *The Way of Water*. Jake (Sam Worthington) and Neytiri (Zoe Saldana), now living among the water tribe, are still reeling from the death of their eldest son. Their second-born, Lo'ak, blames himself for the death of his brother. Quaritch (Stephen Lang) is out to catch the traitor-rebel Jake and reconnect with his estranged son Spider, who is now living with the Sullys. Somewhere in the mix is Varang, the eccentric head of the Ash people, who wants to “spread her fire everywhere.” Amidst the ingenuity of the rich design of Pandora and the complex weave of character dynamics is the unignorable echo of moments from the previous films. Humans destroy everything in their wake to obtain the re-

Immersive, expansive, unmemorable

sources of Pandora. A scientist (a Marine biologist this time) pleads with the soldiers and the suits to stop destroying the delicate Pandora ecosystem again. Jake tames the legendary aerial predator, becomes the Toruk Makto, and unifies the tribes to fight the humans again. And the goddess/planet-wide consciousness swoops in at the last minute, sending fauna (marine life this time) at her bidding, to help the Na'vi in the fight...again.

A frustrating number of times, *Fire and Ash* swells on the shores of greatness but quickly recedes before any meaningful imprint occurs. Take, for example, the shocking moral conundrum Jake Sully is thrown into. He has to choose between killing a loved one and letting the biggest scientific breakthrough into the hands of humans, which would help them effortlessly colonise Pandora. A profound character moment, it could have been the central overarching conflict of the entire film, but we are overwhelmed by a million different things. The film ends with all the deceased characters welcoming Spider into their fold, as his consciousness gets uploaded into this biological data centre.

A smile spreads across the crowd as the giant planet-wide family of Na'vi is reconnected in this central consciousness, and Spider is told that he will “live on forever.” This is one of the rare moments when a film looks favourably upon the concept of immortality. The cen-

tral antagonists in some of the biggest franchises in history, from *The Lord of the Rings* to *Star Wars* and *Harry Potter*, are all corrupted by their quest for immortality, while the heroic figures are those who welcome the sweet embrace of impermanence and sacrifice themselves. James Cameron takes a refreshing detour and subverts this trope.

It is this audacity of the filmmaker that becomes the relentless pulse that still beats life into this ever-expanding story. The biggest strength of *Avatar* is that it stirs the ancient instinct in the back of our minds to find the perfect world, where rocks float, plants light up in the dark, animals talk to you, and connecting with others is as simple as tethering the neural fibres growing out from the back of your head. Perhaps, it does not matter whether the story of *Fire and Ash* moves you or not, for the yearning to return to Pandora still remains.



Director: James Cameron

Cast: Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, Sigourney Weaver, Stephen Lang



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Annual Eye Examinations a must for patients with Diabetes

Sight is something many of us take for granted. We often do not realise what a privilege it is to see the world and perceive different shapes and colours.

As an experiment, try blindfolding yourself for an hour and carrying out simple chores, like climbing the stairs or using the washroom. What you will realise is how difficult life can become when you lose your sight and why protecting it is so important. However, for many suffering from diabetes, this precious gift may be at risk. Diabetes is a complex disease that affects several parts of the body, including the eyes. In fact, diabetic retinopathy (affecting the retina in the eye) is the leading cause of blindness in working-age adults. Diabetic retinopathy can also lead to the leakage of blood vessels in the eye, causing a condition called diabetic macular edema (DME). In fact, DME is one of the main causes of vision loss in people with diabetic retinopathy.

The threat of such severe complications is magnified by the vast and growing number of people living with the disease globally. Almost 10.5% of the world's population (approximately 537 million) between 20 and 79 years of age has diabetes. Moreover, almost 240 million individuals are living with undiagnosed diabetes. By 2030, the prevalence of diabetes is predicted to increase to 643 million. Between 1990 and 2021, the incidence rate of diabetes in India increased from 162.74 to 264.53 per 100,000 individuals. Moreover, more than 50% of individuals with diabetes remain unaware that they have the condition. Given the high burden of diabetes and the lack of awareness regarding its complications such as DME, it is critical to create awareness about this complication and encourage patients to undergo

screening and treatment to prevent them from losing their sight.

What is DME?

The retina is the light-sensitive layer at the back of the eye that detects light and converts it into signals, sending them to your brain through the optic nerve to help you see. The macula is the centre of this layer and has the highest number of light-sensitive cells. Uncontrolled diabetes can damage the blood vessels in the macula, causing them to leak. The accumulating fluid can cause the macula to swell up (edema). Over time, it causes vision impairment and blindness.

The symptoms of DME include blurred vision, reduced contrast or colour sensitivity, blind or blurred spots in the centre of the field of vision (central scotoma), perceiving the world as smaller than it is (micropsia), and warped or distorted vision (metamorphopsia). However, DME is usually asymptomatic at the earliest stages, with patients being unaware they have the condition until much later when symptoms show.

How to manage DME

DME is preventable and treatable if detected early. Some of the ways to prevent it or slow down its progression are to control blood sugar and cholesterol levels and quit smoking. Regular screening for DME is an essential part of diabetes care. Physicians must carry out an initial eye examination for all patients with diabetes at diagnosis and once a year thereafter (via fundus photo screening) to facilitate early detection of diabetic retinopathy and DME. In case either condition is detected, immediate referral to an ophthalmologist can facilitate timely treatment. Depending

on disease severity, some of treatment options include medicines injected in the eyes by trained doctors or laser therapy. Prompt diagnosis and treatment can help prevent further loss of vision.

On a community level, campaigns and screening drives can drive awareness and prevent this condition from becoming more widespread. When it comes to treatment, multidisciplinary teams comprising physicians, specialists, nurses, and dieticians must leverage their expertise to accurately diagnose and develop personalised treatment plans for patients. Vigilant monitoring is essential to facilitate timely intervention, prevent irreversible vision loss, and optimise outcomes.

DME does not always have to lead to irreversible vision loss. By adopting proactive measures such as regular eye checkups and pursuing timely treatment, you can actively prevent the condition from causing permanent damage. Remember, early intervention is the most critical step to protecting your sight and improving your quality of life.



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